

How To Tell the Difference Between Covid-19, the Cold, the Flu and Allergies

Symptoms	Covid-19 Mild to Server Symptoms	FLU Comes on Quickly	Cold Comes on slowly	Allergies Symptoms Better or Worse Due to Location
Fever	Often	Often	Rarely	Sometimes
Feeling Tired	Sometimes	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often
Cough	Often (dry cough)	Often (dry cough)	Mild	Often
Sneezing	No	No	Often	Often
Aches & Pains	Sometimes	Often	Often	No
Stuffy Nose	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Often
Sore Throat	Sometimes	Sometimes	Often	No
Diarrhea	Rarely	Sometimes in Children	No	No
Headaches	Sometimes	Often	Rarely	Sometimes
Shortness of Breath or Trouble Breathing	Often	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely
Loss of Taste or Smell	Often	Rarely	Rarely	Rarely

While all of these symptoms can accompany any of the three conditions, it's unlikely that the common symptoms overlap. So, for instance, people with sneezing and body aches likely don't have COVID-19. Likewise, a severe, dry cough isn't typically indicative of a cold.