

Ministry of Health

# COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms

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This document outlines the symptoms which have been most commonly associated with COVID-19. This information is current as of May 14, 2020 and may be updated as the situation on COVID-19 continues to evolve. If there is a discrepancy between this list and other guidance, this list should be considered as the most up to date.

## **Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:**

- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or greater)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath (dyspnea)

## **Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include:**

- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- New olfactory or taste disorder(s)
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion – *in absence of underlying reason for these symptoms such as seasonal allergies, post nasal drip, etc.*

## **Other signs of COVID-19 can include:**

- Clinical or radiological evidence of pneumonia

**Atypical symptoms/clinical pictures of COVID-19 should be considered, particularly in children, older persons, and people living with a developmental disability. Atypical symptoms can include:**

- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/myalgias
- Delirium (acutely altered mental status and inattention)
- Unexplained or increased number of falls
- Acute functional decline
- Exacerbation of chronic conditions
- Chills
- Headaches
- Croup
- Conjunctivitis
- Multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children

## **Atypical signs can include:**

- Unexplained tachycardia, including age specific tachycardia for children

- Decrease in blood pressure
- Unexplained hypoxia (even if mild i.e. O<sub>2</sub> sat <90%)
- Lethargy, difficulty feeding in infants (if no other diagnosis)