

Difference between influenza, seasonal coronavirus, and novel coronavirus

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Seasonal Coronavirus (one virus that causes the “common cold”)	Novel Coronavirus (2019 nCoV)
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual	Gradual
Fever	Common	Rare	Common
Aches	Common	Slight	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon	Uncommon
Shortness of breath	Uncommon	Uncommon	Common in severe cases
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common	Mild to moderate	Common
Testing	Rapid flu test or respiratory pathogen panel through primary care physician	Respiratory pathogen panel through primary care physician	CDC is the <u>only</u> lab that can currently test for and diagnosis the 2019 nCoV
Treatment	Tamiflu® most common (oseltamivir phosphate), if prescribed	None - supportive care only	None - supportive care only

These infections are all spread through respiratory droplets. To prevent **any** of these infections, ① wash your hands for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol), ② avoid touching your face with unwashed hands, ③ avoid close contact with people who are sick, ④ stay home if you are sick, ⑤ cover your cough and sneeze into a tissue and then follow proper hand hygiene, and ⑥ clean and disinfect surfaces and objects around you with a household cleaner or wipe.

