

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees or greater)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath

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 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 developmental disability. Atypical symptoms can include:

- Unexplained fatigue/malaise/myalgias
- Delirium (acutely altered mental status and inattention)
- Unexplained or increased number in falls
- Acute functional decline
- Exacerbation of chronic conditions
- Chills
- Headache
- Croup
- Conjunctivitis
- Multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children
 - Presentation may include persistent fever, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting and diarrhea) and rash

Atypical signs can include:

- Unexplained tachycardia, including age specific tachycardia for children
- Decrease in blood pressure
- Unexplained hypoxia (even if mild i.e. O2 sat <90%)
- Lethargy, difficulty feeding in infants (if no other diagnosis)

Other risk factors may include:

- Close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19
- Close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been to an impacted area
- Travel outside of Canada