












	Coronavirus	COLD	INFLUENZA A/B
Incubation Period	2-14 days	1-3 days	1-4 days
Symptom Onset	Gradual	Gradual	Abrupt
Contagion Period	A few days before symptoms to 10 days after symptom onset		1 day before symptoms to 5-7 days after symptom onset, most contagious first 3-4 days

Testing : nasal swabs

Symptoms	Coronavirus Symptoms range from mild to severe	Cold Gradual onset of symptoms	Flu Abrupt onset of symptoms
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common (usually dry)	Mild	Common (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and Pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or Stuffy Nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore Throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for Children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of Breath	Sometimes	No	No
 Loss of Taste/Smell	Common	Sometimes	Sometimes

Treatments for Influenza have the greatest benefit when given within the first 24-30 hours