COVID-19 (coronavirus) Symptoms Chart

What does being sick with COVID-19 (coronavirus) look like compared with a cold or flu? Check what types of symptoms show up for each illness and how often in the chart below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SYMPTOMS</th>
<th>CORONAVIRUS Symptoms range from mild to severe</th>
<th>COLD OR ALLERGIES Gradual onset of symptoms</th>
<th>FLU Abrupt onset of symptoms</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fever</td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Common</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fatigue</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>Common</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cough</td>
<td>Common* (Usually Dry)</td>
<td>Mild</td>
<td>Common* (Usually Dry)</td>
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<td>Sneezing</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aches and pains</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Common</td>
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<tr>
<td>Runny or stuffy nose</td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
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<td>Sore throat</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>Common</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
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<td>Diarrhea</td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Sometimes for children</td>
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<td>Headaches</td>
<td>Sometimes</td>
<td>Rare</td>
<td>Common</td>
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<td>Shortness of breath</td>
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Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention