What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

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The most common symptoms of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, are fever, cough and shortness of breath. But as experts have learned more about the new virus, it has become clear that some people may have other symptoms, including chills, muscle pain, sore throat, gastrointestinal problems or loss of the sense of smell or taste.

Many areas now offer coronavirus testing for people with COVID-19 symptoms. Mild illness can often be managed at home by drinking plenty of fluids and taking over-the-counter medications for fever, cough and pain. If symptoms worsen or don’t improve over time, contact a health care provider for advice. If a person has trouble breathing, bluish lips or face (a sign of a lack of oxygen), persistent pain or pressure in the chest or new mental confusion, seek emergency medical attention immediately.

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