Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19

Similar symptoms

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- · Sore throat
- Runny/stuffy nose

- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Change in or loss of taste or smell, although this is more frequent with COVID-19.

Symptom onset

- Flu: symptoms tend to begin 1-4 days after infection.
- COVID-19: symptoms tend to begin around 5 days after infection, but can range from 2-14 days.
- The viruses are different, but both are spread through the air and sometimes by touch.
- COVID-19 is generally more contagious than Flu.
- COVID-19 has been observed to have more superspreading events than Flu.

You can get your Flu shot and COVID-19 vaccine on the same day. Get your shots to reduce severity and spread of both illnesses.

Monitor for symptoms, wear a mask, and stay home if you are feeling sick.

