



Change in COVID symptoms



Western Cape
Government

August 2021

STAY SAFE

MOVE
FORWARD

Classical COVID symptoms used in screening remain in place.

Classical COVID symptoms



Cough



Sore
throat



Fever



Change in
ability to smell
and/or taste



Shortness of
breath

**However there
seems to be
a change in
COVID symptoms
associated with
the Delta variant.**

**Previously
uncommon
symptoms are
now becoming
more common.**

COVID symptoms associated with the Delta variant are similar to the common cold

Delta variant symptoms:



Headache



Blocked/runny nose



Sneezing



Weakness/
fatigue

They may be the *only* symptoms the client has.

As these symptoms were less commonly seen with previous coronavirus variants, there has been a tendency to dismiss them as unlikely to indicate COVID, but now, that should no longer be practised and symptoms of the common cold should raise the suspicion of a COVID infection.



**Western Cape
Government**

**Western Cape call centre
0860 142 142**



**CITY OF CAPE TOWN
ISIXEKO SASEKAPA
STAD KAAPSTAD**

www.westerncape.gov.za