

Change in COVID symptoms

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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.



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