

COVID-19 vs. INFLUENZA

	COVID-19	Influenza
Transmitted by contact and respiratory droplets?	YES	YES
Symptoms include cough, fever, body aches and at times vomiting and diarrhea?	YES	YES
Infection can result in pneumonia?	YES	YES
High risk for severe complications in those with underlying chronic medical conditions?	YES	YES
Prevention measures include wearing face coverings and good hand hygiene?	YES	YES
Approved vaccine available?	YES	YES
Infection can occur without symptoms present?	YES	YES
Can be treated with antibiotics?	YES*	NO
Loss of taste and smell occurs often with infection?	YES	NO

Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear 2- 14 days after exposure.

Flu symptoms usually appear 1-4 days after exposure.

Isolation for Flu-7 days after illness onset with 24 hours without fever (without use of meds to reduce temp)

* Monoclonal Antibody treatment approved under EUA in November 2020

Isolation for COVID-19-see [Return to Work Criteria for Employees with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 & Criteria for Discontinuing Client/Patient Isolation](#)