

FLU, RSV, COVID-19 OR MEASLES?

Influenza (flu) and measles are viruses that both cause respiratory symptoms. The typical measles rash does not appear for 2–5 days, so during influenza season, symptoms of early measles can be confused with influenza.

	FLU	RSV	COVID-19	MEASLES
Fever	✓	Sometimes	✓	✓
Sore Throat	✓	✓	Sometimes	✓
Cough/Congestion	✓	✓	✓	✓
Body Aches	✓	✓	Sometimes	✓
Runny Nose	✓	✓	Less common	✓
Shortness of Breath	✓	✓	✓	Sometimes
Red Eyes	Sometimes	✓	Uncommon	✓
Rash	Uncommon	Uncommon	Uncommon	✓

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