

## Is It a Cold or the Flu?

<u>Symptoms</u>	<b>Cold</b>	flu
Onset of Illness	Slow	Sudden
Fever	Rare	Frequent, high (102-104F); lasts 3-4days
Headache	Rare	Common
Body aches	Rare or mild	Common, often severe
Fatigue/weakness	Mild	Common, up to 3 weeks
Stuffy nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Mild	Common, can become severe
Congestion	Common	Sometimes
Diarrhea	No	Sometimes
Vomiting	No	Sometimes
Chills	No	Common
Appetite	Normal	Decreased
Complications	sinus congestion Or earache	Bronchitis, Pneumonia; can be life threatening

Hand washing Hand washing, flu vaccine

**Prevention**