

A cold and the flu (influenza) are two different illnesses. Make sure you know the difference.

Low or none	FEVER	High
Sometimes	HEADACHE	Very common
Stuffy, runny	NOSE	Stuffy, runny
Very common	SNEEZING	Sometimes
Mild, hacking	COUGH	Severe
Slight	ACHES/PAINS	Severe
Mild	FATIGUE	Can last for several weeks
Sore	THROAT	Sometimes sore
Normal, may feel sluggish	ENERGY	Extreme exhaustion
Symptoms can last 7-10 days	DURATION	Symptoms can last several weeks

TREATMENT OPTIONS

TO HELP RELIEVE COLD SYMPTOMS

- Rest
- Increased fluid intake
- Pain relievers for headache or fever
- Warm liquids for sore throat
- Petroleum jelly for raw, chapped skin around the nose and lips
- Increase moisture in home for congestion*
- For additional home care advice, please call our Nurse Line at 1-844-342-MCRN.

*Warm steam is not safe for children. Set these machines in a safe place to prevent burns.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF FLU, ARE IN A HIGH RISK GROUP OR HAVE CONCERNS, PLEASE CALL OUR NURSE LINE AT 1-844-342-MCRN

PREVENTION

- Wash your hands often and keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Be sure to get your annual flu vaccination.
- Most people **NOT** in a high risk group with the flu have mild illness and can treat their symptoms at home to prevent spreading.

