

Patient name: ____

Infection	Most people get better by	Most common symptoms
COVID-19	1-3 weeks	Fever, headache, loss of taste and/or smell
Common cold	1 - 2 weeks	Runny nose, cough
🗌 Flu	1-2 weeks	Fever, shivering, muscle pain
Laryngitis	1 week	Dysphonia, sore throat, dry cough
Pharyngitis / Tonsilitis	1 week	Fever, sore throat symptoms: pain while swallowing, enlarged and painful glands
Acute bronchitis	2 - 3 weeks	Cough with sputum
Sinusitis	1 - 2 weeks	Pain in the sinus, cough
Ear infection	1 week	Ear pain, possible secretion from the ears
Exacerbation of COPD	1 - 2 weeks	Worsening of symptoms of COPD

You probably have a viral infection and you have not been prescribed antibiotics because antibiotics are not effective in treating viral infections. If given when not needed, antibiotics can be harmful

When you have a viral infection, it is very important to get plenty of rest and give your body time to fight off the virus. If you follow these instructions, you should feel better soon:

- Rest as much as possible
- Remember to drink a sufficient amount of fluids to avoid dehydration
- Wash your hands frequently
- You can take over-the-counter medication to alleviate your symptoms as recommended below by your healthcare provider

ADVICE Symptoms

or fever and aches
or sore throat
or nasal congestion
or nausea
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SAFETY-NETTING

Please, return to your prescriber if:

Symptoms get worse / do not improve in	_ day(s)
You develop a high fever (above)	
Other:	

The Prescriber

CONTACT: _____



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