Distinguishing Between Cold and Flu

Symptoms of the cold and flu can often look a lot alike. The most significant difference is that flu symptoms appear suddenly and cold symptoms appear gradually.

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severity of symptoms: uncommon | sometimes | common

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+ Get enough quality sleep
+ Eat nutritious meals and avoid sharing cups and utensils
+ Wash your hands often and avoid contact with sick people
+ Get a flu shot each year

Take Care of Yourself

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- REST more than you normally would to give your body time to recover
- DRINK plenty of fluids like water and Gatorade
- ASK your pharmacist which over the counter medications would best relieve your symptoms

Should I go to Student Health?

Be sure to seek medical care if you experience severe or progressive symptoms, your symptoms reoccur or worsen after having improved, or if you have a condition that places you at high risk for other complications.

Visiting Student Health

How to make an appointment

Call (434) 924-5362
Visit: healthyhoos.virginia.edu

What to bring

- Student ID
- Health insurance card (for labs, referrals, or medication)
- List of allergies and current medications

Where are we located

Elson Student Health
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Getting Better

- Prioritize rest and stay hydrated
- Communicate with professors as soon as possible about absences or extensions on assignments
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- Drinking alcohol when sick or tired weakens the immune system, interferes with sleep patterns, and increases risk of negative consequences. Mixing alcohol with medications can have harmful effects.

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