

# IRUSES

Viruses are a type of microorganism that invades the cells of your body. Unlike bacteria, they cannot survive without a host. So while both viral and bacterial infections have similar symptoms, they are very different in terms of transmission and treatment. Some viruses can continue to live in their host. Each virus should be looked at on an individual basis.



Time you are contagious before symptoms start



Time you are contagious after symptoms start



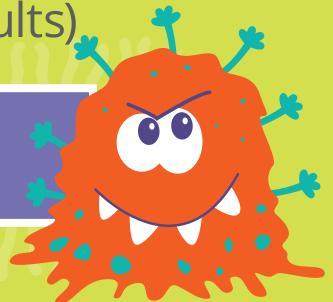
Time it takes before you are not contagious





hours

One to three weeks

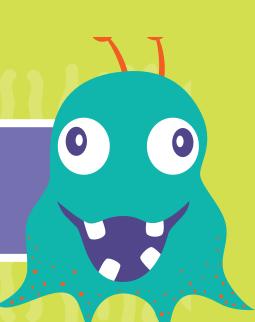


#### ROTA VIRUS (Stomach flu, more common in children)

24 to 72 hours

Two to four days

One to three weeks

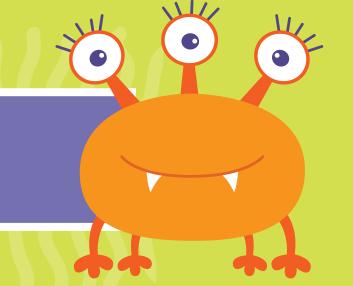


## INFLUENZA (Flu: vaccine available)

One to four days

Three to 14 days

One to two weeks



### RHINOURUS (Common cold)

One to four days

Three to 14 days

One to two weeks

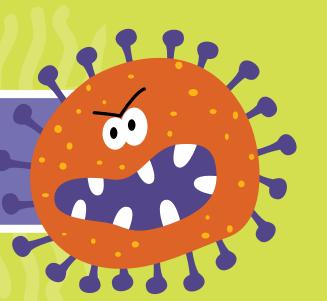


#### SARS=COV=2 (COVID-19: vaccine available)

Two days

Two to 14 days

One to two weeks



Learn more about COVID-19 nm.org/covid-19.

## CONSULT YOUR PHYSICIAN IF YOUR SYMPTOMS PERSIST.

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