

SYMPTOMS:

Develop slowly over 2-4 days Sore throat Nasal congestion Runny nose Cough Fever up to 102 degrees Fahrenheit Fatigue Headache Muscle aches Watery eyes

SELF-CARE:

Rest

Drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids

Use saline nose drops to loosen mucus

Use Ibuprofen (Advil®) 600 mg every 6-8 hours or Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) 650 mg every 6 hours as needed to reduce fever or discomfort

Use Oral Decongestants (Phenylephrine) for short-term relief of nasal congestion

Use Nasal Decongestant (Oxymetazoline) for short-term relief of nasal congestion (do not use for more than 3 days)

Gargle with salt water and use throat sprays/lozenges for throat pain

Use heated, humidified air (if you do not have a humidifier try taking a hot shower)

LIMIT SPREAD TO OTHERS:

Wash hands frequently Cover coughs and sneezes using the crook of your elbow

WHEN TO SEEK CARE FROM A MEDICAL PROVIDER:

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glands in the neck or jaw

Significant sore throat lasting more than 1 week

ONLINE SYMPTOMS CHECKER:

http://familydoctor.org/familydoctor/en/health-tools/search-by-symptom/cold-flu.html

OTHER RESOURCES:

http://familydoctor.org/familydoctor/en/diseases-conditions/colds-and-the-flu.printerview.all.html http://www.cdc.gov/features/rhinoviruses/index.html

Loyola self-care guidelines are based on the most recent recommendations of national medical authorities.