
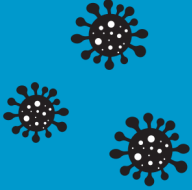










HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COVID-19, LYME DISEASE, & WEST NILE VIRUS

COVID-19 is of great concern and may be hard to identify because other diseases can begin with similar symptoms. Even though they are entirely different illnesses, Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus infection may also make you feel like you have the Flu.

Bites from infected ticks and mosquitoes are common in PA from March through October but can occur year-round. Keep in mind that the treatment is different for all three diseases and may be urgent.

 GET TESTED TO FIND OUT WHAT IS MAKING YOU SICK	 COVID-19 VIRUS is transmitted from person to person	 LYME DISEASE BACTERIUM is transmitted through the bite of an infected tick	 WEST NILE VIRUS VIRUS is transmitted through the bite of an infected mosquito
GENERAL SYMPTOMS  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever or Chills • Muscle or Body Aches • Headache • Fatigue 	✓	✓	✓
SIMILAR SYMPTOMS IN ALL THREE DISEASES			
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea • Vomiting • Diarrhea 	✓		✓
COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough/Sneezing • Shortness of Breath • New Loss of Taste or Smell • Congestion • Runny Nose • Sore Throat 	✓ Test positive for COVID-19? Return home, isolate, and contact a doctor.		
 SKIN ISSUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round/Oval Rash • Body Rash • Skin Discoloration 	✓ COVID Fingers and Toes	✓ Bull's-eye or other rash	✓ Rash of small bumps on body
BODY/MIND SYMPTOMS  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facial Paralysis • Short Term Memory Loss • Heart Palpitations • Nerve Pain • Joint Pain 		✓ Patients can recover quickly with antibiotics if treated early.	
BODY/MIND SYMPTOMS  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck Stiffness • Paralysis • Inflammation of Brain • Disorientation • Vision Loss 			✓ Seek care if symptoms don't go away or get worse.



TIME MATTERS
DON'T WAIT TO GET MEDICAL HELP



TESTING IS NEEDED



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