

My son has a runny nose, could it be coronavirus?

Coronavirus (COVID-19) can present as a mild to severe illness, with symptoms which look like the common cold or the flu.

Please click on the link below which may help you decide:

[COVID-19 Identifying symptoms](#)

If you still have concerns you can talk to someone about the symptoms, by calling the WA Coronavirus Helpline on 13 26 843. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can also contact your son's GP.

Tell the receptionist about:

- your son's symptoms;
- your son's recent travel history; and
- any current contact your son has had with someone who has COVID-19.

Follow the instructions you are given.

Important: If your son has to attend a COVID-19 clinic or the GP medical centre he will be asked:

- to wear a mask;
- stay at least 1.5 metres away from other people; and
- and cover his coughs or sneezes with his elbow or use a tissue.

If this is going to be difficult for your son, please let the receptionist know before attending the clinic.

Reference

Australian Government (2020). [COVID-19 Identifying the Symptoms](#)

Australian Government (2020). [What you need to know about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)