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Symptoms: Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.

Incubation period: The median incubation period for COVID-19 is four to five days. Most symptomatic people experience symptoms within two to seven days after exposure.

Mode of transmission: Human-to-human transmission via respiratory droplets

Prevention tips: Avoiding close contact with sick individuals; frequently washing hands with soap and water; not touching the eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; and practicing good respiratory hygiene

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