

Coronavirus in children (NHS GUIDANCE)

Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (over 38C)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Get a test to check for coronavirus

What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is where someone who lives alone (or just with their children) can meet people from 1 other household.

Find out more about [meeting people from outside your household on GOV.UK](#).

Important

Get advice from NHS 111 if you're worried about your child or not sure what to do.

- For children aged 5 or over – use the [NHS 111 online coronavirus service](#).
- For children under 5 – call 111.