What’s the difference between COVID-19 and seasonal allergies?

Some of the symptoms of COVID-19 and seasonal allergies are similar, so it may be difficult to tell the difference between them.

COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory illness, which is spread mainly person to person. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms and the illness can be mild to severe. Seasonal allergies are triggered by airborne pollen which affects the nose, the sinuses and the eyes.

Keep Children Healthy

Monitor you child’s health daily. If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, do not send them to school. Contact your child’s pediatrician with any concerns about your child’s health and to determine whether COVID-19 testing is recommended.

If anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is awaiting test results, please keep your child at home and follow the direction of the Health Department.

For more information:

COVID-19 information line:
Florida Department of Health: 772-221-4000 option #9
Monday – Friday: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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