**Coronavirus in children**

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
* 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**](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/)

What is a support bubble?

**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](https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/).
* For children under 5 – call 111.