

Testing for respiratory viruses



Most kids with coughs, colds and breathing problems can be diagnosed by their doctor without needing a test.

Sometimes, viruses will be identified through a PCR (nose or throat swab) test.



Some pathology providers can test for three respiratory viruses in one test:

- COVID-19
- Flu
- Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)



It is possible to test positive for more than one respiratory virus.

If you are concerned:

- contact your doctor
- call Healthdirect on **1800 022 222** for free 24 hour health advice
- speak to your local pharmacist.



If your child's symptoms are severe, visit your local Emergency Department or call Triple Zero (000) immediately.