ESSEX EMERGENCY SERVICES





How To Treat Coronavirus Symptoms At Home

TEMPERATURE



- Get lots of rest.
- ✓ Drink plenty of fluids (water is best) to avoid dehydration - drink enough so your pee is light yellow and clear.



Take paracetamol or ibuprofen if you feel uncomfortable.

COUGH





- Lie on your side or sit upright instead.
 Avoid lying on your back.
- Try having a teaspoon of honey to help ease a cough. But do not give honey to babies under 12 months.

If this does not help, ask a non-isolating friend or family member to seek advice from a pharmacist on your behalf.

BREATHLESS



Keep your room cool.
 Try turning the heating down or opening a window.

DO NOT use a fan as it may spread the virus.



Try breathing slowly in through your nose and out through your mouth, with your lips together.



Sit upright in a chair relaxing your shoulders.



Lean forward slightly support yourself by putting your hands on your knees or on something stable like a chair.

Try to stay calm if you're feeling breathless. Anxiety can make it worse.

Call 999 for an ambulance if you or someone you care for:

- · are struggling to breathe
- are coughing up blood
- have blue lips or a blue face
- feel cold and sweaty, with pale or blotchy skin
- have a rash that does not fade when you roll a glass over it
- · collapse or faint
- · become confused or very drowsy
- have stopped peeing or are peeing much less than usual

Tell the operator you might have coronavirus symptoms.

DO NOT GO TO A PHARMACY

If you or someone you live with has coronavirus symptoms, you must all stay at home.

If you're concerned about your symptoms and need medical advice, use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service.