

Older Adults and COVID-19

- 3 out of 4 will NOT have a fever
- 1 in 3 will not have breathing problems as their first symptom
- Beware of the “quiet” patient
- Delirium is a common presentation
- The first symptoms may be subtle
 - look for other signs and symptoms (oxygen levels, breathing rate, temperature)

Could it be COVID-19?



Cough



Fever



Muscle pain/
aches



Tummy pain



Vomiting



Diarrhoea



Tiredness/
fatigue



Not eating/
drinking



Delirium -
quiet/less active or
confused/agitated



Off balance/
less mobile