



# **English**

# Long COVID: Cough

Coughing is the body's way of protecting the lungs and getting rid of things that irritate them. This is a normal and important function.

### Types of cough

Some infections can leave you with a dry cough because your lungs have been irritated. This should slowly disappear during the course of your recovery. It's not clear how long after coronavirus (COVID-19) you may have a cough and it can be frustrating at times.

A dry cough is one of the most common coronavirus symptoms, but some people may have a cough with phlegm (thick mucus).

It can be difficult to control your cough but there are a few ways to help.

# 繁體中文 Chinese (Traditional)

# 新冠長期症狀: 咳嗽

咳嗽是身體保護肺部及驅除刺激肺部的東西的方法。 這是正常及重要的功能。

### 咳嗽的種類

有些感染能令你乾咳,因為你的肺部受到刺激。 在康復期間,這應該會慢慢消失。 現時無法明確指出你在患新冠病毒病(2019 冠狀病毒病)後會咳嗽多久,而這可能有時會令人沮喪。

乾咳是新冠病毒病其中一種最常見的症狀,但有些人的咳嗽可能會帶痰(濃稠的黏液)。

控制你的咳嗽可能會很困難,但仍有幾種方法會有幫助。

## Ways to help a dry cough

Do:

- keep yourself well hydrated by drinking small amounts often throughout the day
- soothe your throat by drinking a warm drink, such as honey and lemon
- take small sips of liquid if you feel yourself starting to cough
- suck a sugary sweet if you feel yourself starting to cough
- try swallowing repeatedly if you have a cough and don't have a drink near you
- blow your nose if you have a runny nose try not to sniff

You can also use <u>positions to ease breathing</u> if you cough when you go to bed.

Avoid things that make you cough, for example:

• smoking

### 對乾咳有幫助的方法

#### 應做的事:

- 從早到晚經常地喝小量的飲品, 保持自己水分充足
- 喝暖和的飲品(例如蜜糖和檸檬)以舒緩咽喉
- 如果你感到自己開始咳嗽,可小口地喝一些液體
- 如果你感到自己開始咳嗽,可吮一粒糖果
- 如果你咳嗽而附近沒有飲品. 嘗試重複地吞嚥
- 如果你流鼻水則擤鼻涕—— 嘗試不要吸入鼻水

如果你在睡覺時咳嗽,你亦可以採用一些姿勢以舒緩呼吸。

避免令你咳嗽的事物, 例如:

- 吸煙
- 煙霧瀰漫的環境
- 空氣清新劑

- smoky atmospheres
- air fresheners
- strong smelling candles
- strong perfumes or deodorants

- 氣味濃烈的蠟燭
- 濃烈的香水或體香劑

### Ways to help a cough with phlegm

Do:

- stay hydrated
- inhale steam
- try lying on either side as flat as you can to help drain the phlegm
- try moving around to help to move the phlegm
- try breathing control techniques if you move to an area with a different temperature
- try to breathe in through your nose breathing in through your mouth can make you cough more

### 對帶痰咳嗽有幫助的方法

應做的事:

- 保持身體水分充足
- 吸入蒸氣
- 嘗試向左或右側臥,身子盡量平直,以幫助把痰排出
- 嘗試周圍走動,幫助把痰移動
- 如果你進入溫度不同的地方,嘗試使用控制呼吸技巧
- 試以鼻子吸氣——經嘴巴吸氣可能會令你咳得更多

進一步閱覽有關控制呼吸的技巧及姿勢,使氣促獲得改善

Read further information about breathing control techniques and positions to ease breathlessness  Speak to your GP practice if:  • your cough is not improving  • you're waking up at night coughing  • your cough is changing for example coughing up blood or	如果出現以下情況,應告訴你的 GP:
<ul> <li>phlegm turning dirty</li> <li>breathlessness is not improving</li> <li>you're worried about your symptoms</li> </ul>	
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