



## Omicron is not common cold, warns WHO, says not to take it lightly



Amid reports that [Omicron](#) has symptoms akin to a common cold, the World Health Organisation ([WHO](#)) on Wednesday warned that it is not a common cold and should not be taken lightly.

The four most common [symptoms of the Omicron](#) variant are cough, fatigue, congestion and runny nose, according to a US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analysis. A recent study by UK-based Zoe Covid app added nausea and loss of appetite to the category.

Several studies from South Africa, the US and the UK have shown that the infections caused by the highly transmissible variant are generally mild, with less hospitalisation required.