

INITIAL ASSESSMENT

This table is meant to provide guidance in order to stratify severity. The more symptoms the infant has in the mod-severe categories, the more likely they are to develop severe disease.

	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
Behaviour	Normal	Some/intermittent irritability	Increasing irritability and/or lethargy Fatigue
Respiratory rate	Normal – mild tachypnoea	Increased respiratory rate	Marked increase or decrease in respiratory rate
Use of accessory muscles	Nil to mild chest wall retraction	Moderate chest wall retractions Tracheal tug Nasal flaring	Marked chest wall retractions Marked tracheal tug Marked nasal flaring
Oxygen saturation/ oxygen requirement	O ₂ saturations greater than 92% (in room air)	O ₂ saturations 90–92% (in room air)	O ₂ saturations less than 90% (in room air) Hypoxemia, may not be corrected by O ₂
Apnoeic episodes	None	May have brief apnoea	May have increasingly frequent or prolonged apnoea
Feeding	Normal	May have difficulty with feeding or reduced feeding	Reluctant or unable to feed