

Pope Francis Will Be Hospitalized for a ‘Few Days’ with Respiratory Infection, Vatican Says

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Pope Francis has been hospitalized with a respiratory infection, according to the Vatican.

The 86-year-old pontiff will spend “a few days” at a hospital in Rome, according to the BBC and CNN.

In a statement, Vatican spokesperson Matteo Bruni said the Pope recently “complained of some respiratory difficulties” before visiting Policlinico A. Gemelli for “medical checks,” per CNN.

“The outcome of the same showed a respiratory infection (excluding Covid-19 infection) that will require a few days of appropriate hospital medical therapy,” the spokesperson said. “Pope Francis is touched by the many messages received and expresses his gratitude for the closeness and prayer.”

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