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People Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness

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Everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus. Some people are more likely than others to become severely ill, which means that they may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they may even die. We learn more about COVID-19 every day, and as more information becomes available, CDC will continue to update and share information about risk for severe illness.

People at increased risk for severe illness

Older Adults

People with Underlying Medical Conditions

COVID-19: Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?

Additional Resources

ASL Video Series: COVID-19: Are You at Higher Risk for Severe Illness?

Learn how you can help protect yourself if you are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19

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