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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe COVID-19. Based on available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- [People 65 years and older](#)
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with [underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled](#), in

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer, organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease



Older Adults



At Risk For Severe Illness

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People with Liver Disease



People with Asthma



People with HIV



People Who Are Immunocompromised

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

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.](#)