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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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 at increased risk for severe illness, which means that they may require hospitalization, intensive care, or mechanical ventilation, 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

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

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