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# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

# People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness

COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe illness. Based on the limited 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 addition to the conditions listed above, are also at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

- 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



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.](#)