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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 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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