



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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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


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