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# COVID-19 Vaccines for People at Increased Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19

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Adults of any age with [certain underlying medical conditions](#) are at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for and can be administered to most people with underlying medical conditions.



If you have questions about getting COVID-19 vaccine, you should talk to your healthcare providers for advice. Inform your vaccination provider about all your allergies and health conditions.

## People with underlying medical conditions at increased risk from COVID-19

People aged 16 years and older who have underlying medical conditions that increase the risk of serious, life-threatening complications from COVID-19, should be among [those offered COVID-19 vaccine first](#). CDC's recommendations are based on those of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), an independent panel of medical and public health experts.

The [list of high-risk medical conditions that put people at increased risk for severe COVID-19-associated illness](#) is updated routinely as new data become available.

### How Do I Get a Vaccine?

CDC makes recommendations for [who should get the vaccine first](#), then each state makes its own plan.

**Choose your state or territory below to find your health department:**

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