Coronavirus, Covid-19, is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person. It is known to spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks. You may be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes prior to washing your hands. Everyone is at risk of getting the virus.

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness. Those at high risk for severe illness from Covid-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD
- Weakened immune system
- Obesity
- Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus

People with the following conditions might be at an increased risk for severe illness:

- Asthma
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Cystic fibrosis
- Smoking
- Weakened immune system
- Liver disease
- Neurological conditions, such as dementia
- Pregnancy
- Hypertension or high blood pressure
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Thalassemia, type of blood disorder
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: People with Certain Medical Conditions