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## **COVID-19 vaccine information for people with underlying health conditions with increased risk for severe illness**

Federal vaccine supply is increasing. This means more Oregonians can begin getting vaccinated against COVID-19 more quickly, including people with underlying health conditions. People with these conditions are at an increased risk for being exposed to the virus—and dying at higher rates. This document outlines when, where, and how people with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-defined underlying health conditions with increased risk for severe illness can get vaccinated.

**WHEN: No later than March 29, 2021 (adults age 45–64); April 5, 2021 (adults age 16–44)**

**WHO: Adults age 16–64 with one or more CDC-defined underlying health conditions with increased risk for severe illness**

The state is using the CDC definition of underlying health conditions with increased risk for severe illness. We estimate that about 800,000 Oregonians fall into this category. Adults age 16-64 not included in previous groups will become eligible on the dates listed above if they have any of the following conditions:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic lung diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma (moderate-to-severe), interstitial lung disease, cystic fibrosis, and pulmonary hypertension
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Down syndrome
- Heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies, or hypertension)
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Liver disease
- Overweight and obesity (defined as body mass index, or BMI, greater than 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorder

For further information on these underlying health conditions and risk for severe COVID-19, see: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

Where	How
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)</li> <li>• Hospitals</li> <li>• Mass vaccination events</li> <li>• Local public health authorities</li> <li>• Pharmacies</li> <li>• Mobile clinics</li> <li>• Through EMS efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov">covidvaccine.oregon.gov</a> to sign up for notifications and get connected to vaccines.</li> <li>• Call 211 or 1-866-698-6155</li> <li>• Make appointments directly at pharmacy websites by visiting <a href="https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine">https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine</a></li> </ul>

### [Sequencing timeline for all Oregonians](#)

Infographic that includes timelines for who is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and when.

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