

Vulnerability* Considerations

Age	Pre-Existing condition	Social Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Older Adults (increasing risk with each decade, especially individuals over 60 years) and those with underlying medical conditions are exceedingly vulnerable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physiological (e.g immunocompromised, diabetes, lung or heart conditions, or conditions that affect immune function, kidney/liver disease, cancer etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individuals with insecure, inadequate or overcrowded housing conditions• Individuals that live in group settings• social or geographic isolation (remote locations)• difficulty accessing medical care or health advice.

*Vulnerabilities are defined by what is currently known about the COVID-19 virus and its effects. This information is subject to change as new data emerges.

**Community in question must be consulted to ensure research collaboration can be continued and to learn what health and safety practices must be followed.

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