

COVID-19 VACCINE SUPPORT

WHO IS MORE LIKELY TO GET LONG COVID?



Since the pandemic's beginning, we've been primarily concerned with looking for positive signs and symptoms of COVID-19 infection to limit the spread of the virus. While we've been aware of the short-term effects of COVID-19, we're finally beginning to see the long-term effects of the virus on those infected then and now. These long-term effects are known as the following: post-COVID conditions (PCC), long COVID, long-haul COVID, post-acute COVID-19, post-acute sequelae of SARS CoV-2 infection (PASC), long-term effects of COVID, and chronic COVID.

PEOPLE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE LONG COVID

- People who have experienced more severe COVID-19 illness, especially those who were hospitalized or needed intensive care.
- People who had underlying health conditions prior to COVID-19.
- People who did not get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- People who experience Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS) during or after COVID-19 illness.
- Adults are more likely to have and show long COVID symptoms than children and adolescents.

LONG COVID IN CHILDREN AND TEENS

Long COVID symptoms doesn't discriminate based on age. While children and teens are reported less likely to have long COVID, they're still experiencing the long-term effects but lack the ability to describe their symptoms. These long-term symptoms can impact their ability to attend school, complete tasks, and perform their daily activities. If your child shows signs of long COVID, it's important to talk to your child's doctor and teachers to receive possible accommodations, like extra time on tests, flexible school schedules, rest periods, etc. It's important for children to receive any needed support and care as they try to get to better.

As we learn more about the harmful effects of long COVID, it's more important than ever to protect yourself and others from getting infected.

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