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Medicare & Coronavirus

Medicare's highest priority is its members' health, safety, and welfare in the face of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), older adults and people who have severe chronic medical conditions like heart, lung, or kidney disease seem to be at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness. This means that most people with Medicare are at higher risk.

Medicare Enrollment

Social Security has temporarily closed all local Social Security offices but agents are working remotely. The National Social Security Administration remains open and agents are available to answer questions on weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (EST). The toll free number is **1-800-772-1213**. Wait times are shortest early in the morning.

How to stay up to date:

- [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.coronavirus.gov) is the source for the latest information about COVID-19 prevention, symptoms, and answers to common questions.
- [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) has the latest public health and safety information from CDC and for the overarching medical and health provider community on COVID-19.
- [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov) has the latest information about what the U.S. Government is doing in response to COVID-19.

For helpful information on how to protect yourself from COVID-19, click [here](#).