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### COVID-19

#### RISK FACTORS FOR SEVERE COVID-19<sup>8-10</sup>

The Department of Basic Education provided a summary of the various risk factors that pertain to Covid-19. Members are requested to make a careful study and if a risk factor can be identified, to report it to the District office via the School Principal.

More information in this regard can also be obtained from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/) (CDC).

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Die Departement van Basiese Onderwys het 'n opsomming voorsien van die onderskeie risikofaktore met betrekking tot Covid-19. Lede word versoek om 'n deeglike studie te maak en indien 'n risikofaktor geïdentifiseer kan word, dit via die Skoolhoof aan die Distrikkantoor te rapporteer.

Meer inligting in dié verband kan ook verkry word van die [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/) (CDC).

Risk Factor	Detail	Definition
Age	People 60 years and older with comorbidities	Aged 60 years or older with one or more disorders or conditions.
People of all ages with the following underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled:		
Cardiovascular Disease	Moderate/ Severe Hypertension	Moderate hypertension: systolic BP 160-179mmHg and/or diastolic BP 100-109 mmHg. Severe hypertension: systolic BP $\geq$ 180 mmHg and/or diastolic BP $\geq$ 110 mmHg.
	Congestive cardiac failure or other serious cardiovascular disease	Confirmed clinical diagnosis of congestive cardiac failure or other serious cardiovascular disease
	Cerebrovascular disease, including stroke and transient ischaemic attack	Confirmed clinical diagnosis of cerebrovascular disease.
Respiratory Disease	Pulmonary Tuberculosis – untreated or in early treatment	People who have not completed the intensive phase or first two months of treatment in line with the National Department of Health Standard Treatment Guidelines.
	Moderate to severe asthma	Asthma which requires treatment with high dose inhaled corticosteroids plus a second controller (and/or systemic corticosteroids) to prevent it from becoming 'uncontrolled' or which remains 'uncontrolled' despite this therapy.
	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)	Confirmed clinical diagnosis of COPD
	Other severe chronic lung pathology, including cystic fibrosis and bronchiectasis	Confirmed clinical diagnosis –irrespective of severity.
Kidney Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease	eGFR < 45

Pregnancy	Third trimester pregnancy	Estimated to be further than week 27 of pregnancy
Immunosuppression	Poorly controlled type II Diabetes Mellitus	HBA1c $\geq 7.5\%$ within last 6 months
	Cancer undergoing active treatment	Currently undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy
	Human Immunodeficiency Virus with advanced immunosuppression	HIV positive persons with CD4 count $< 200$ cells/mm <sup>3</sup> who are ART-naïve or who initiated ART within last 3 months
	Chronic immunosuppressant use	Chronic use of corticosteroids of $> 20$ mg prednisone per day or equivalent, methotrexate, biologicals or other immunosuppressants.
	Transplant	On chronic immunosuppressants
Metabolic syndrome	Severe obesity	Body mass index (MBI) of 40 and higher

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