



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and Complex Medical Conditions Defined for COVID Vaccination Eligibility

The Georgia Department of Public Health is prioritizing COVID vaccinations based on the risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19, and ethical considerations. The goal is for all Georgians to have access to COVID vaccine as soon as large enough quantities are available and allocated to Georgia by the federal government.

Among Georgia's current eligible populations for vaccination are adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their caregivers, and parents of children with complex medical conditions who are at high risk for COVID-19 complications.

Intellectual Disability is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both **intellectual functioning** and in **adaptive behavior**, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates **before the age of 22**.

Developmental disability is a physical or mental impairment that happens before the age of 22, is expected to last a lifetime, and impacts at least three activities of daily living. Activities of daily living include self-care; receptive and expressive language; learning; mobility; self-direction; capacity for independent living; and economic self-sufficiency.

Children with Complex Medical Conditions or who are at high risk for COVID-19 complications include:

- Malignancies requiring active treatment
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) including organ transplant (bone marrow or solid organ) within 2 years
- Critical congenital heart disease
- Asthma (moderate to severe)
- Sickle cell disease
- Diabetes
- Obesity (BMI >95%)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Significant neurologic injury or condition (e.g. hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy, traumatic brain injury, congenital anomaly, acute flaccid myelitis) with functional/developmental impairment (e.g. cerebral palsy, developmental disability, prematurity, mitochondrial disease)
- Technology dependence (e.g. BiPAP, trach)

For more information about COVID vaccines, log on to <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-vaccine>.