

vulnerable” according to the AHPPC is as follows:

1. is required to self-isolate or self-quarantine in accordance with guidance issued by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee in relation to COVID-19 which includes those over 65 years who have:
 - Chronic renal failure
 - Coronary heart disease or congestive cardiac failure
 - Chronic lung disease (severe asthma (for which frequent medical consultations or the use of multiple medications is required), cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis, suppurative lung disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic emphysema)
 - Poorly controlled diabetes
 - Poorly controlled hypertension

People at any age with significant immunosuppression, as defined as:

- Haematologic neoplasms: leukemias, lymphomas, myelodysplastic syndromes
- Post-transplant: solid organ (on immunosuppressive therapy), haematopoietic stem cell transplant (within 24 months or on treatment for GVHD)
- Immunocompromised due to primary or acquired immunodeficiency (including HIV infection)
- Current chemotherapy or radiotherapy
- High-dose corticosteroids (≥ 20 mg of prednisone per day, or equivalent) for ≥ 14 days
- All biologics and most disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) as defined as follows:
 - Azathioprine > 3.0 mg/kg/day
 - 6-Mercaptopurine > 1.5 mg/kg/day
 - Methotrexate > 0.4 mg/kg/week
 - Prednisone > 20 mg/day. If < 14 days treatment, can resume work when treatment ceased
 - Tacrolimus (any dose)
 - Cyclosporine (any dose)
 - Cyclophosphamide (any dose)
 - Mycophenolate (any dose)
 - Combination (multiple) DMARDs irrespective of dose

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As well as the rest of the criteria outlined by Medicare:

1. is at least 70 years old; or
2. if the person identifies as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent—is at least 50 years old; or
3. is pregnant; or
4. is the parent of a child aged under 12 months; or
5. is being treated for a chronic health condition; or
6. is immune compromised; or
7. meets the current national triage protocol criteria for suspected COVID-19 infection.