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**Dallas County Reports 211 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 14 Deaths, Including 138 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 2:00 pm April 5, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 211 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 73 confirmed cases and 138 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 252,656 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 39,708 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,605 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Due to the observance of the Easter holiday, the data reported today will include data processed Saturday, and the data reported tomorrow will include new numbers from Sunday and Monday, a two-day period.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and over 297,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, as of April 4, 46.7% of individuals 65 and older are fully vaccinated in Dallas County. Vaccine operations for both first and second doses at Fair Park resumed today and will continue through Saturday.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Desoto. She expired in a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Carrollton. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of Cedar Hill. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Irving. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Desoto. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Balch Springs. He expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. She expired in a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.

- A woman in her 90’s who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 90’s who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. She expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 90’s who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Duncanville. He expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 100’s who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He expired in a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 19 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; two cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Two have been hospitalized and five had history of recent domestic travel outside of Texas. One case of B.1.1.7 is a likely instance of reinfection with COVID-19, occurring over 6 months after an initial PCR-confirmed infection. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 12 was **208**, which is a rate of **7.9** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, and with **7.6%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 12 (week ending 3/27/21).

An outbreak of over 70 cases of COVID-19 has been reported associated with attendees at a high school dance and dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup>, including subsequent spread into their household members. During the past 30 days, there were 1,511 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 452 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. There are currently 25 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,297 residents and 2,395 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,032 have been hospitalized and 699 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

Twelve outbreaks of COVID-19 in congregate-living facilities (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) have been reported in the past 30 days. A cumulative total of 434 residents and 208 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of all confirmed cases requiring hospitalization to date, more than two-thirds have been under 65 years of age. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summary reports updated Tuesday and Friday evenings are available at: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php>.

Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators in determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. Due to weekend reporting, new data will be available on Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

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We are quickly running out of names on the Dallas County waitlist to receive a vaccination. Remember that when you sign up at [www.DallasCounty.org](http://www.DallasCounty.org), Parkland, the City of Dallas, DCHHS, and others are all drawing off that list. If you, your loved ones, your employees, and your circle of influence, sign up, you will likely quickly receive an appointment for your first dose of the vaccine. If you have not yet received your first dose, don’t delay and sign up immediately at [www.DallasCounty.org](http://www.DallasCounty.org) call 1-855-IMMUNE9 to sign up to quickly get an appointment and vaccinated.

In the meantime, remember that frequent hand washing, wearing your mask, maintaining distance and avoiding crowds, are still necessary as we fight to reach herd immunity. If we all work together, and all do our part to get vaccinated, we will improve our situation rapidly,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

**All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:**

<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/> and all guidance documents can be found here:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/guidance-health.php>

**Specific Guidance for the Public:**

- [Dallas County COVID-19 Related Health Guidance for the Public](#)
- [Dallas County Measures for Protecting An Institution's Workforce from COVID-19 Infection: Employer/Employee Guidance](#)
- [Dallas County Guidance for Individuals at High-Risk for Severe COVID-19](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends taking everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact outside your home: Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others and continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children to do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-base hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands. Immediately wash your hands.
- Monitor your health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Take your temperature and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

Additional information is available at the following websites:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- CDC Travel Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- DSHS: <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>
- DCHHS: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>

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