



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **Dallas County Reports 98 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 1 Death, Including 6 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 3:00 pm June 5, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 98 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 92 confirmed cases and 6 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 261,014 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 42,840 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,071 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and over 483,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. Vaccine operations for both first and second doses continue weekly at Fair Park and the full operating schedule can be found [here](#).

The additional death being reported today includes the following:

- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 135 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 106 cases of variant B.1.1.7; nine B.1.429 variants; three B.1.526 variants; twelve P.1 variants; one P.2 variant, and four B.1.617.2 variants. Ten have been hospitalized with 4 requiring intensive care unit admission, and two have died. One fully vaccinated patient subsequently became ill from B.1.1.7 infection and died. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 21 (week ending 5/29/21), was **86**, which is a rate of **3.3** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Over the past 2 weeks, rates of new COVID-19 diagnoses in the cities of Addison, Cockrell Hill, Seagoville have been about 50% higher than county-wide case rates. Rates of new COVID-19 diagnoses in the cities of Cedar Hill, Mesquite, Rowlett, and Wilmer have been about 30% higher than county-wide case rates. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 21 (week ending 5/29/21), **6.0%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2. In week 21, area hospital labs have continued to report an increasing proportion of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (36%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (34%) and RSV (10%).

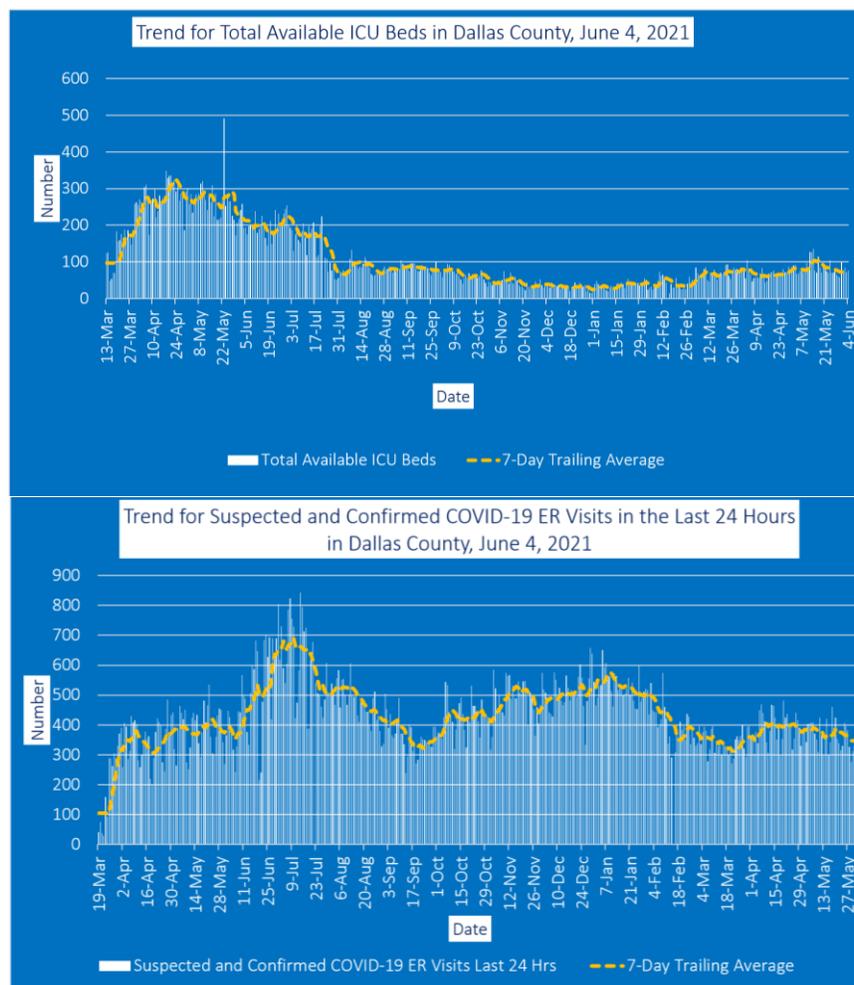
During the past 30 days, there were 893 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 318 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. During the months of April and May, 20% of all COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Dallas County were in children under the age of 18 years—the highest proportion in this age group since the beginning of the pandemic. To date, 67 children have been hospitalized with diagnoses of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C), a rare but serious complication associated with COVID-19 infection. In Dallas County, 580 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 110 (19%) were hospitalized, 24 have required ICU admission and 10 have died.

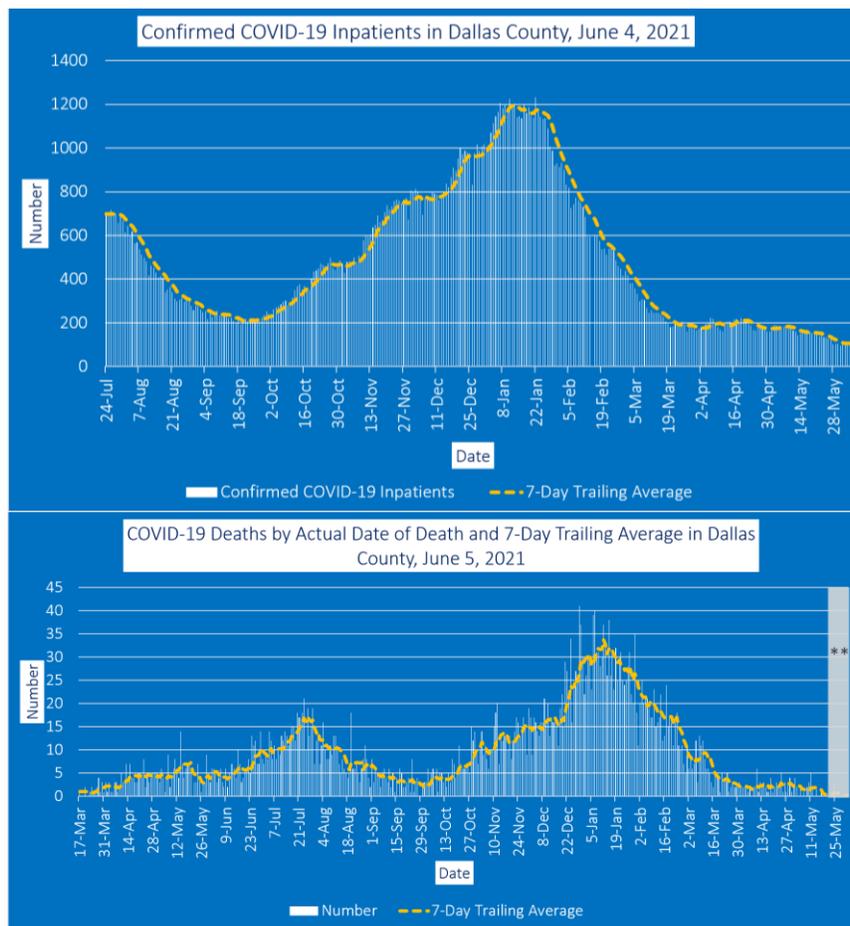
There are currently 21 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,393 residents and 2,476 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,117 have been hospitalized and 798 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Seven 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 638 residents and 224 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

As of the week ending 5/29/2021, about 52% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 81% of residents age 65 years and older; 60% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 46% of residents 25-39 years of age; 35% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 15% of residents 12-17 years of age. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summary reports updated Tuesday and Friday evenings, 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 as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. The most recent COVID-19 hospitalization data for Dallas County, as reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council, can be found at [www.dallascounty.org/covid-19](http://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19) under “Monitoring Data,” and is updated regularly. This data includes information on the total available ICU beds, suspected and confirmed COVID-19 ER visits in the last 24 hours, confirmed COVID-19 inpatients, and COVID-19 deaths by actual date of death. The most recent forecasting from UTSW can be found [here](#).





“Today we report 98 new cases of COVID-19 and one additional death. For the week, the provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases is 86, our lowest week in well over a year and the fourth consecutive week the numbers have dropped. For the week, we reported 18 deaths, a decrease of 13 from last week, making this one of the least deadly weeks to date thus far for COVID-19.

The good trends are largely due to people making the smart decision to get vaccinated. The more people that get vaccinated, the better the numbers will look. My own daughter got her second vaccination today and looks forward to two weeks from now when she’ll statistically be one hundred percent safe from COVID. The high percentage is due to her youth. The younger and healthier you are, the stronger the vaccine is at protecting you. If you know someone who has not yet been vaccinated, please talk to them about the facts. Let them know that the results are in and that the vaccine is safe and effective for everyone. Have a great rest of your weekend,” 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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