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**Dallas County Reports Four-Day Total of 4,877 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 14 Deaths, Including 664 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 3:00 pm September 8, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 4,877 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 4,213 confirmed cases and 664 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 310,272 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 53,240 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,388 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness. *Due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday, Dallas County did not release COVID-19 data over the holiday weekend. Today's reporting includes data from Saturday, September 4 through Tuesday, September 7.*

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) provided more than 500,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which operated January 11 through July 17. A pop-up vaccination clinic at Fair Park will take place on Saturdays through September 18, from 8am-2pm in Lot 13 for Pfizer first and second doses.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A male youth in his 10's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. He expired in an area ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Irving. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Irving. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50'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.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70'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 woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.

- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Irving. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Irving. 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 the City of Mesquite. She had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 205 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 146 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; thirty-six B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized and four 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 34 (week ending 8/28/21) was **1,159**, which is a rate of **44.0** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

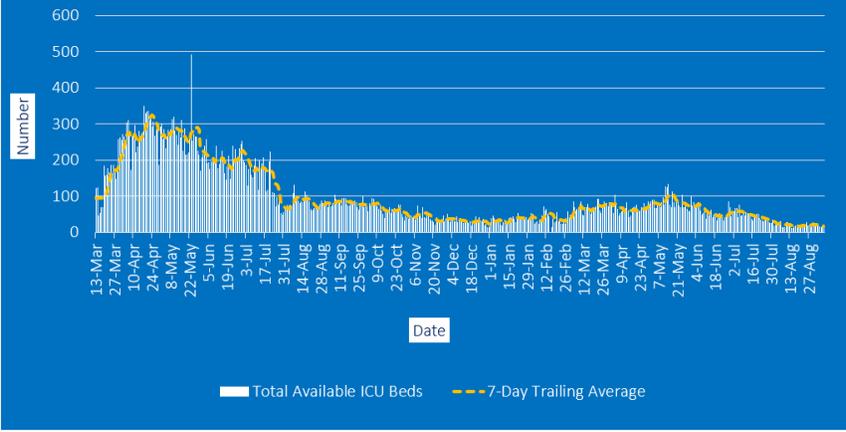
As of the week ending 8/28/2021, about 67% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 87% of residents age 65 years and older; 73% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 62% of residents 25-39 years of age; 52% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 47% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Coppell and Sunnyvale, greater than 90% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. In the cities of Addison and Highland Park, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (See below). About 85% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 34 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 7,254 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 218 (3.0%) were hospitalized and 37 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 8/28/2021 (CDC week 34), **14.4%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 34, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (4.2%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (35%) and RSV (16%). There are currently 72 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,560 residents and 2,676 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,151 have been hospitalized and 824 have died. About 19% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

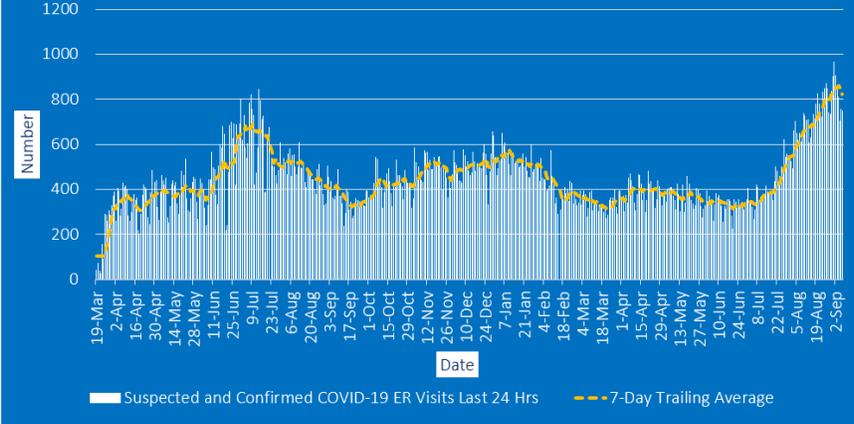
There have been 22 outbreaks of COVID-19 in a congregate-living facility (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) reported within the past 30 days. A cumulative total of 713 residents and 239 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed data dashboards and summary reports updated on 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](#).

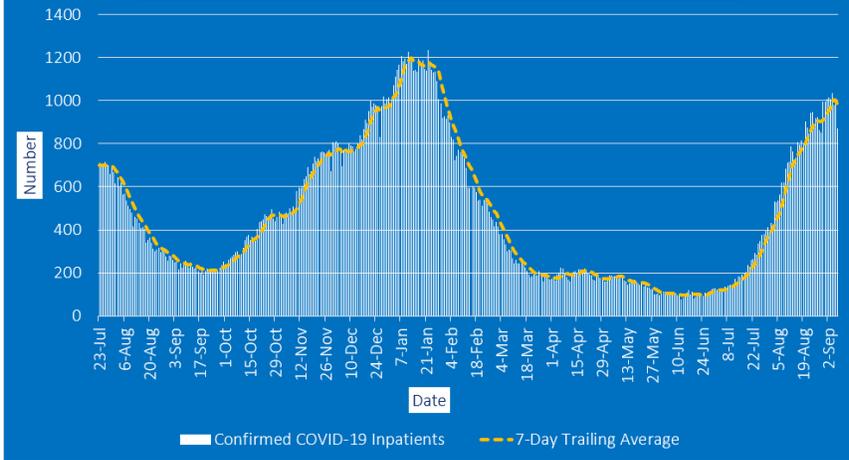
Trend for Total Available ICU Beds in Dallas County, September 7, 2021

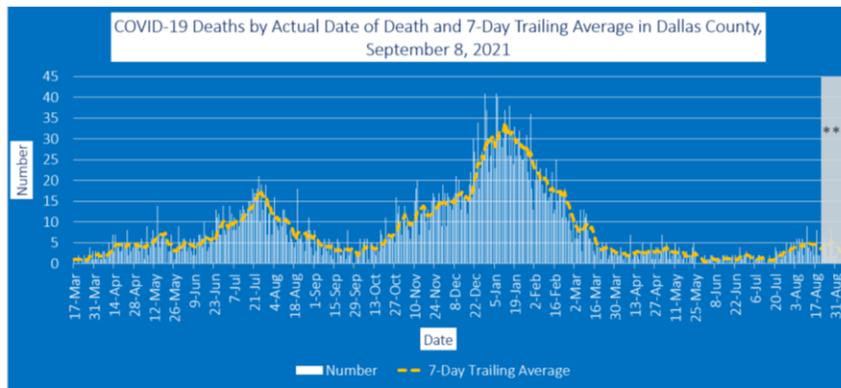


Trend for Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 ER Visits in the Last 24 Hours in Dallas County, September 7, 2021



Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients in Dallas County, September 7, 2021





Dallas County Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19 by City: as of Week Ending 8/28/21 (MMWR Week 34)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose <sup>3</sup>	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>4</sup>	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>4</sup>	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>3,4</sup>
Addison	13,061	435	11,467	88%	267	8,609	66%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,128	10,318	62%	658	7,383	45%
Carrollton	105,102	1,900	27,800	N/A	1,204	20,938	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,267	23,317	68%	1,516	17,884	52%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	142	1,669	56%	86	1,269	42%
Coppell	30,387	3,518	28,319	93%	2,548	22,754	75%
Dallas	997,547	45,160	634,331	64%	28,627	472,461	47%
Desoto	38,930	2,101	27,535	71%	1,418	20,456	53%
Duncanville	28,841	1,583	19,134	66%	1,067	14,078	49%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,185	23,042	75%	751	17,455	57%
Garland	173,595	10,821	126,780	73%	7,283	96,106	55%
Glenn Heights	8,975	26	554	N/A	8	390	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	5,605	59,361	N/A	3,761	42,619	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	454	5,678	84%	296	4,593	68%
Hutchins	4,423	168	2,398	54%	103	1,796	41%
Irving	175,226	11,978	140,591	80%	8,063	103,639	59%
Lancaster	26,977	1,839	18,085	67%	1,232	13,328	49%
Mesquite	101,641	6,066	65,809	65%	3,914	48,828	48%
Richardson	90,645	3,349	46,191	N/A	2,276	35,774	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,416	30,288	63%	1,741	23,570	49%
Sachse	19,007	1,012	9,566	N/A	743	7,484	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	681	6,840	58%	404	4,909	42%
Sunnyvale	4,699	491	4,520	96%	363	3,642	78%
University Park	18,073	1,757	13,371	74%	1,153	10,617	59%
Wihmer	3,178	179	1,898	60%	96	1,303	41%
<b>Countywide Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,940,671</b>	<b>106,304</b>	<b>1,339,372</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>69,603</b>	<b>1,002,269</b>	<b>52%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Does not include vaccinated persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Census 2019 estimates of populations of city residents 18 years and older, inclusive of portions of cities located outside of Dallas County.

<sup>3</sup>Not Available (N/A): vaccine coverage not calculated for cities in which >20% of the city population resides outside of Dallas County.

<sup>4</sup>Fully vaccinated = persons who have received 2 doses of mRNA vaccines or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

<sup>5</sup>Includes only residents with Dallas County--does not include persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

“Today’s four-day total from Saturday through Tuesday is 4,877 new COVID-19 cases and 14 deaths. There is a new strain of COVID-19 that has been detected in Dallas County, the Mu strain. While the Mu strain is not believed to be more contagious or deadly than the Delta strain, it has new sophisticated constellations on the end of its spike which is further indication that the virus is mutating into forms which will be much more difficult to combat with our present vaccines.

It is imperative that those who have not been vaccinated thus far get vaccinated as soon as possible, so that not only will they be protected, but so that those who've been vaccinated will not lose their protection further. If you know of anyone yet to be vaccinated, please approach them in a spirit of friendship, answering their questions, and giving them the information they need so that they can join the ever-growing majority of people who've made the patriotic and personally protective choice of getting vaccinated. Currently, 69% of our eligible population here in Dallas County have received at least one dose with most of them being fully vaccinated.

It is increasingly clear that masks work and we're currently seeing less infection per 100,000 people in Dallas County than in the surrounding counties, or the state as a whole, even though some of the surrounding counties have higher vaccination rates. Dallas County has by far the best mask compliance rate in North Texas and has a mask compliance rate higher than the state of Texas. Mask compliance is determined by how many people wear a mask in high-risk situations, either because of mask requirements or because of good judgement. When people wear masks, there is less spread, and therefore less illness, hospitalizations, and death," 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:

- If you're unvaccinated, avoid close contact outside your home and 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.
- CDC recommends that anyone with any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 get tested, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection.
- If you get tested because you have symptoms or were potentially exposed to the virus, you should stay away from others pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider or a public health professional.

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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