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Dallas County Reports 79 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 10:00 am April 12, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 79 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 1,723. The 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st deaths from COVID-19 were reported of individuals who had been critically ill in area hospitals, including: a woman in her 60's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in Garland, and a man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in Richardson, a man in his 80's was who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas, and man in his 60's who was a resident of the city of Dallas. All had additional underlying health conditions.   Of cases requiring hospitalization, most (69%) have been either over 60 years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third (30%) of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with a more detailed summary report updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

"Our hearts go out to all who are suffering during this Passover, Easter and as many look forward to Ramadan. This year, these holidays are experienced differently but that doesn't mean they need be less special. All suffering has a beginning, a middle and an end. Don't get overwhelmed by the middle. Make good choices. Follow #SaferAtHome and together we will #FlattenTheCurve and save lives. May you and yours have a very meaningful Passover, Easter or Ramadan," said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:
https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends taking everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands 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 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.

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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