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Dallas County Reports 81 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 10:00am April 22, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 81 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 2,683, including 65 deaths. The one additional death being reported today is a man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie and had been critically ill in an area hospital. Of cases requiring hospitalization, most 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 of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Of the 65 total deaths reported to date, a third have been associated with long-term care facilities.

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

"#SaferAtHome and your sacrifices are working. While we mourn the passing of our 65th Dallas County resident who has died from COVID19, today's numbers are encouraging as they are 10% lower than yesterday's, and each day thus far this week, the numbers have been lower than the average daily new cases reported last week. Our challenge will be to continue to make good personal responsibility decisions and limit exposure as more activities resume. Only by each of us doing our part can we continue to #FlattenTheCurve, save lives, and end this crisis," 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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