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Dallas County Reports 80 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 11:00am April 23, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 80 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 2,763, including 72 deaths.

The 7 additional deaths being reported today include:

- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been found deceased at home.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Richardson and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas and had been hospitalized in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas and had been hospitalized in an area hospital.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas 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 72 total deaths reported to date, about 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

“We mourn the death of seven more residents from COVID19. This is a somber reminder of the ruthlessness of this pandemic. I am encouraged by the number of new cases, which is once again lower than the average daily number for last week. That’s been the pattern for every day this week. We are benefiting from #SaferAtHome and we all need to keep making good personal

responsibility choices. #IfYouRushItYouRuinIt and we shouldn't waste the sacrifices you and the community have made to get us to this point," 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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