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Dallas County Reports 235 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 10:00am May 14, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 235 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 6,837, including 159 deaths.

The additional 6 deaths are being reported today include:

- -A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- -A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas 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 hospitalized.
- -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 90's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been critically ill 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.

Of cases requiring hospitalization who reported employment, over 80% have been critical infrastructure workers, with a broad range of affected occupational sectors, including: healthcare, transportation, food and agriculture, public works, finance, communications, clergy, first responders and other essential functions. Of cases requiring hospitalization, two-thirds have been under 65 years of age, and about half do not have high-risk chronic health conditions. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Of the 159 total deaths reported to date, over 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.

"Today's numbers of positive cases are around the same level that we've seen for the last 10 days and today's numbers of deaths, while significant and sad, still leave us on pace to have a less deadly week than last week. We are still in what the doctors consider to be the Red/Stay

Home Stay Safe of the COVID-19 response, which means that you should stay home, avoid crowds, only frequent essential businesses that are absolute necessities and not wants, wear your face covering and maintain six foot distancing when you are at these businesses or on public transportation, and use good hygiene. It's up to all of us to follow the doctors' advice that you can find at www.DallasCountyCOVID.org and work together to #FlattenTheCurve for ourselves and for our community. This is the best way to stop needless suffering and loss of life and get our economy moving again. #StayHomeSavesLives," 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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