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### **Dallas County Reports 214 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases**

**DALLAS --** As of 11:00am May 16, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 214 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 7,250, including 170 deaths.

The additional 6 deaths are being reported today include:

- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and expired in a hospital ED.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Garland and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Irving and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 100's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Mesquite and had been hospitalized.

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 164 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.

“We closed out our week with a total of 27 deaths, six lower than last week, and the lowest number we've had since the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Today's 214 cases puts us at an average of 233

cases a day, down from 246 from last week. This tracks the medical modeling from early April that we would plateau and begin to go down at this time. We have not yet seen the impact of reopening the economy during a sharp increase rather than waiting for a 14 day decline. Those numbers will begin to manifest themselves by the end of the month. Hopefully, things will go well, and whether they do is largely up to you. Avoid crowds and maintain 6 foot distancing, wear cloth face coverings on public transportation and at businesses and practice good hygiene. You can download guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response at [www.DallasCountyCOVID.org](http://www.DallasCountyCOVID.org). It's everyone's job to #FlattenTheCurve #StayHomeSaveLives," 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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