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Dallas County Reports 205 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 11:00am May 17, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 205 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 7,455, including 176 deaths.

The additional 6 deaths are being reported today include:

- A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Irving and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Richardson 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 Dallas and expired in the facility.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Mesquite and had been hospitalized.
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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 176 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.

“Our last three days of positive cases have been lower than in the previous 10 days and that is a good sign. We announced the deaths of another six residents today. Increasingly, it is up to all of you to determine the trajectory of where we go in this COVID-19 pandemic. Please avoid

crowds, maintain 6 foot distancing, wear cloth face coverings on public transportation and at businesses and use good hygiene. You can download guidelines from local public health experts on making your best decision at www.DallasCountyCOVID.org. It's up to all of us to #FlattenTheCurve and #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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