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**Dallas County Reports 296 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases
317 Total Cases Reported Today with 21 Cases from Previous Months and 57 Probable Cases**

DALLAS -- As of 9:00 pm October 3, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting a total of 317 additional cases (260 confirmed + 57 probable) of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The cumulative confirmed case count in Dallas County is 83,178 including 1,033 confirmed deaths. The cumulative probable case count in Dallas County is 4,351 including 13 probable deaths from COVID-19. Of these 317 additional cases, 296 are new cases within the past two weeks and 21 are from older weeks and months as noted below:

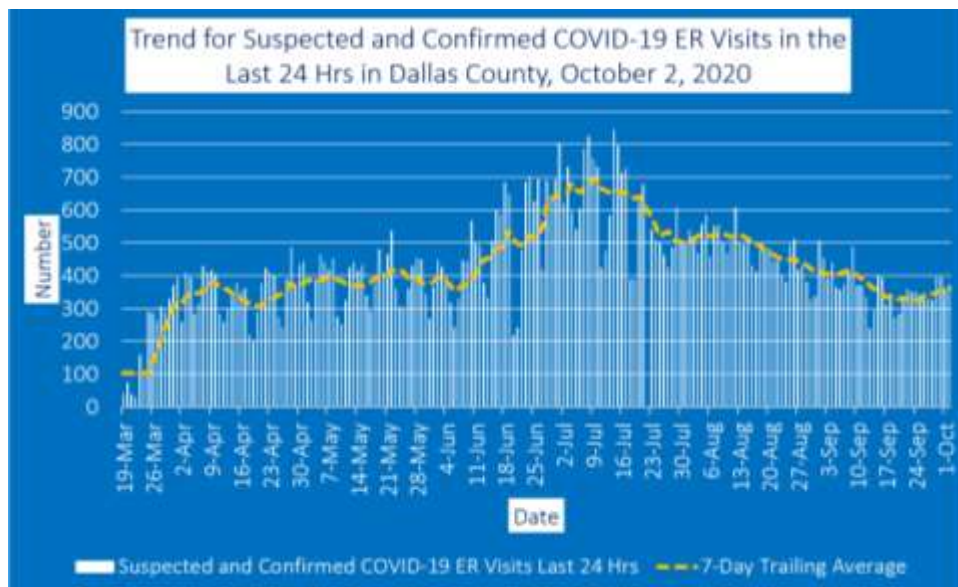
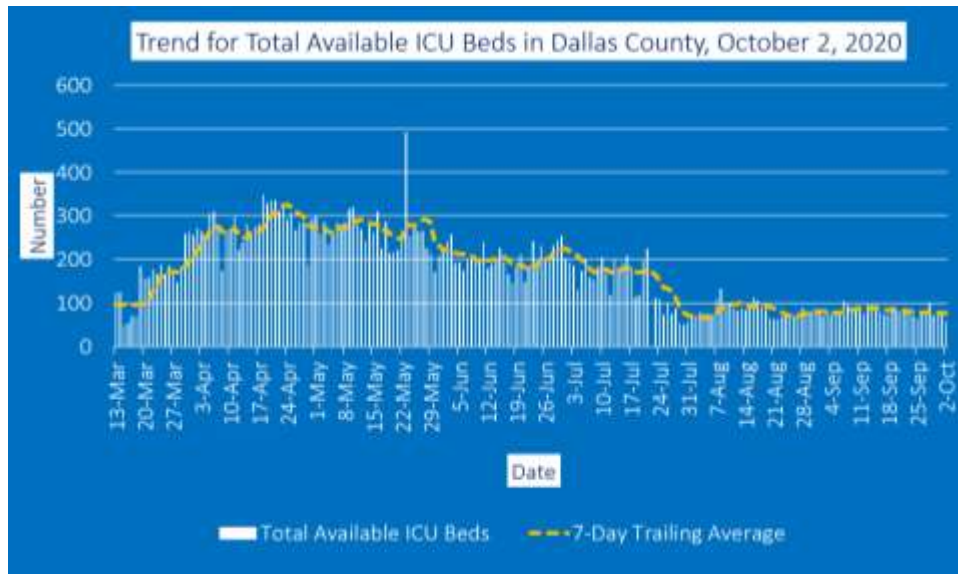
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|------|-------|------|-----------|-------|
| 2020 | 7 | 27 | Probable | 1 |
| 2020 | 8 | 35 | Confirmed | 1 |
| 2020 | 9 | 38 | Confirmed | 9 |
| 2020 | 9 | 38 | Probable | 9 |
| 2020 | 9 | 39 | Confirmed | 113 |
| 2020 | 9 | 39 | Probable | 16 |
| 2020 | 9 | 40 | Confirmed | 69 |
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| 2020 | 10 | 40 | Confirmed | 67 |
| 2020 | 10 | 40 | Probable | 27 |
| NA | NA | NA | Confirmed | 1* |

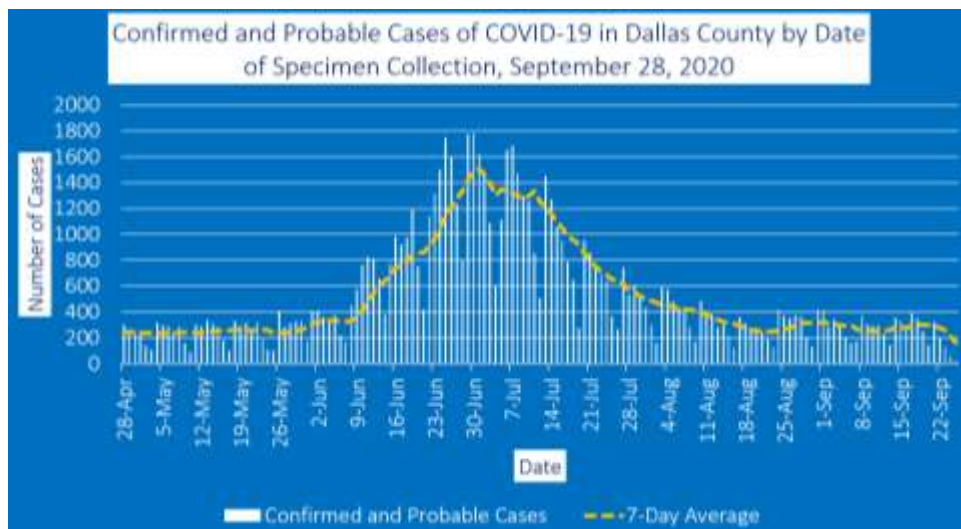
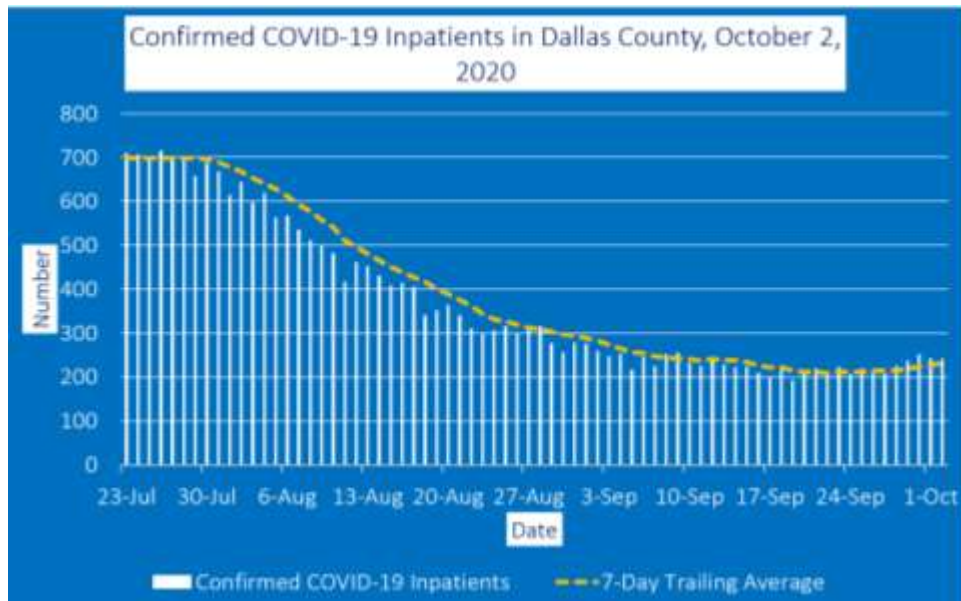
**Please note, we do not have full information for one of the confirmed cases so for purposes of our reporting today, are considering it as an older case.*

The additional 7 deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Irving. He had been critically ill in an area hospital, and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He had been hospitalized, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She had been critically ill in an area hospital, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. She expired in the facility, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Lancaster. He expired in the facility, and had underlying high risk health conditions.

Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 242 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Friday, October 2. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 375 for the 24 hour period ending on Friday, October 2, which represents around 16 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).





“For the week, we had an average of 350 new cases per day, an increase from 282 last week and a total of 16 confirmed deaths. These numbers, along with the Governor’s recent decision to move the occupancy limit at businesses to 75%, are a strong reminder of the importance of wearing a mask and maintaining six-foot distancing with frequent hand washing. Outdoor activities, patio dining, and outdoor exercise are far safer than indoor activities but following the protocols is important whether you are indoors or outdoors. Appropriate spacing is very important for outdoor activities. Remember, the virus does not discriminate between stores and restaurants or your home or your friend’s home, so distancing and mask wearing are equally important in any setting outside of your home and the people that you live with,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/> and all guidance documents can be found here: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/guidance-health.php>

Specific Guidance for the Public:

- [Dallas County COVID-19 Related Health Guidance for the Public](#)
- [Dallas County Measures for Protecting An Institution’s Workforce from COVID-19 Infection: Employer/Employee Guidance](#)
- [Dallas County Guidance for Individuals at High-Risk for Severe COVID-19](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends taking everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact outside your home: Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others and continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands often and 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 daily 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. Immediately wash your hands.
- Monitor your health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Take your temperature and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

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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