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Dallas County Reports 876 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases Including 222 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 6:00 pm November 7, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 876 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 654 confirmed cases and 222 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 101,282 cases (PCR test), including 1,130 confirmed deaths. There is a cumulative total of 8,225 probable cases (antigen test), including 18 probable deaths.

The additional deaths being reported today includes the following:

- 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 man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital, and did not have underlying high risk health conditions

The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 44 still remains high at **740**. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 also still remains high at **14.9%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 44 (week ending 10/31/20). A provisional total of 577 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in school-aged children (5 to 17 years) during CDC week 44.

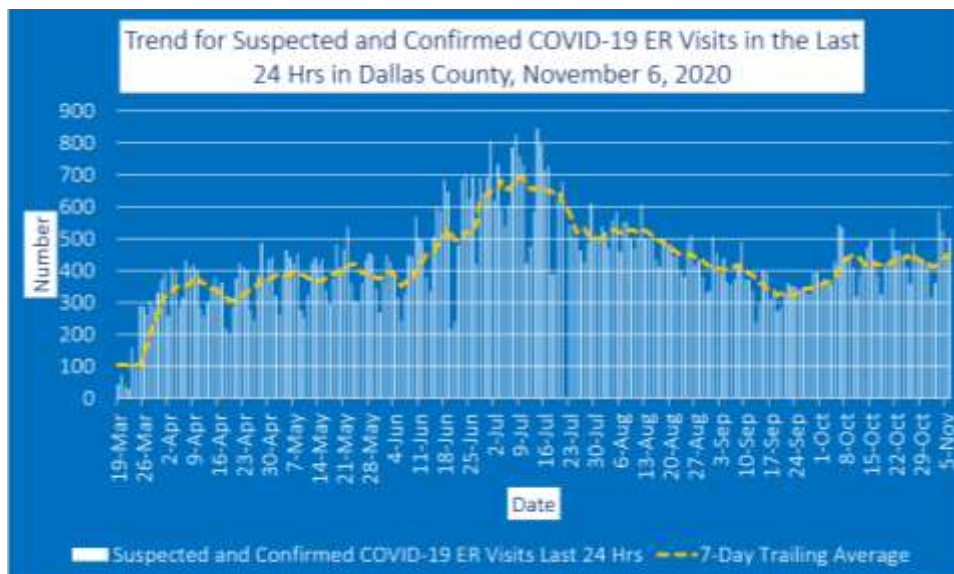
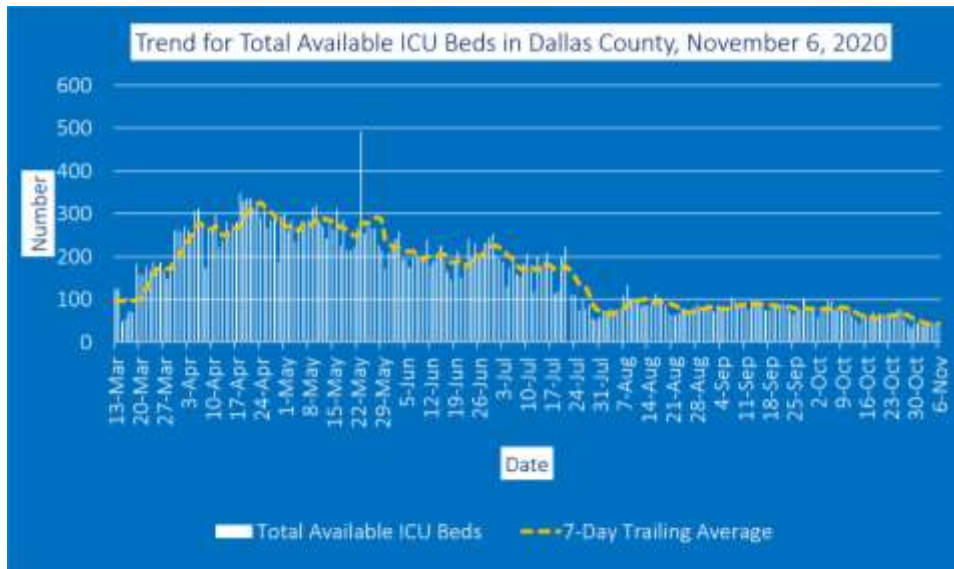
Of all confirmed cases requiring hospitalization to date, more than two-thirds have been under 65 years of age. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Of the total confirmed deaths reported to date, about 24% have 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. Friday's report is attached.

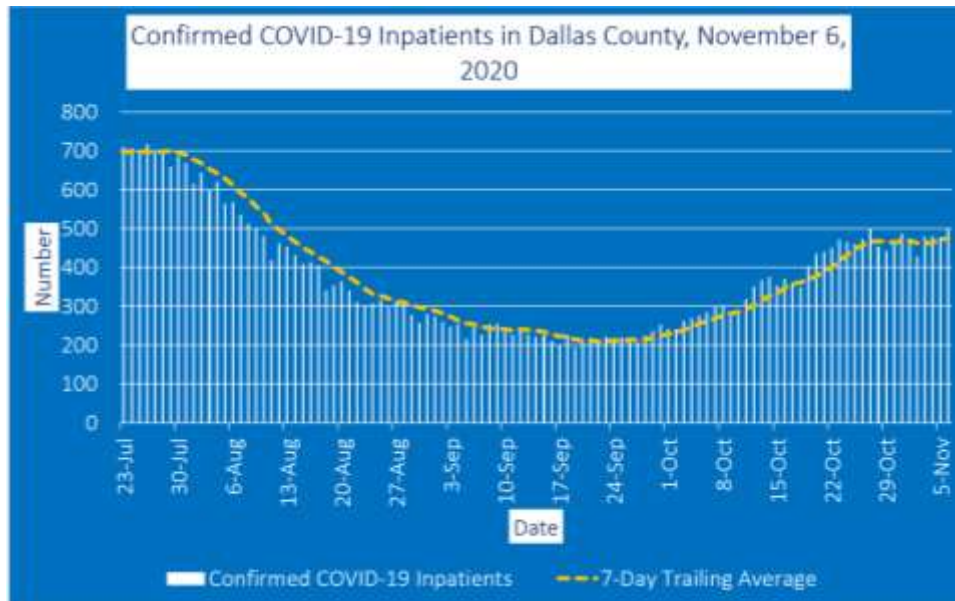
Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 501 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Friday, November 6. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 500 for the same time period, which represents around 20 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).

Additionally, Table 9 below is from the November 6, 2020 Dallas County Health and Human Services 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary. Table 12 is a summary of confirmed and probable cases and deaths over the past 16 weeks in Dallas County.

Table 9. Summary of weekly COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases and deaths, Dallas County (CDC Weeks 29 - 44)

CDC Week	Week Ending	Total Confirmed and Probable Cases	Total School-Aged Cases (5 to 17 years)	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Cases*	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Deaths**	Percentage of Tests Positive for SARS-CoV-2***
29	7/18/2020	6,608	665	944	11	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,521	478	646	15	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,352	416	479	12	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,852	305	407	9	13.8%
33	8/15/2020	2,164	177	309	9	13.0%
34	8/22/2020	1,757	183	251	6	11.0%
35	8/29/2020	2,198	183	314	6	10.6%
36	9/5/2020	2,070	156	296	3	10.6%
37	9/12/2020	1,870	189	267	2	9.6%
38	9/19/2020	2,237	237	320	2	11.5%
39	9/26/2020	2,505	264	358	2	10.6%
40	10/3/2020	2,689	305	384	2	10.1%
41	10/10/2020	3,624	459	518	2	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,469	532	638	2	14.0%
43	10/24/2020	5,252	678	750	2	15.4%
44	10/31/2020	5,179	577	740	3	14.9%





“Today we add 876 cases and three deaths to our COVID-19 counts for the day. For the week, our average daily cases was 980 and our number of deaths was 16. America has spoken on the Presidential election and I’m hopeful that we will all come together in a spirit of bipartisan cooperation to tackle the coronavirus in a science-based and logical way. For our part in Dallas County, we will work with the new administration and Republican representatives to get the people of Dallas County the public health and economic help that they need.

All of us have a role to play in fighting the coronavirus. Yours is to wear your mask, avoid crowds, and encourage those in your sphere of influence to follow the proven scientific-based protections that will keep us safe from the coronavirus until a vaccine is in widespread use. I hope that that we will all show grace towards one another and move from the selfish desires to do the things that understandably we want to do to doing the things that science tells us will best see us through the holiday season and beyond,” 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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