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**Dallas County Reports 1,304 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases
Including 378 Probable Cases**

DALLAS -- As of 4:00 pm November 11, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 1,304 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 926 confirmed cases and 378 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 105,377 cases (PCR test), including 1,138 confirmed deaths. There is a cumulative total of 8,931 probable cases (antigen test), including 19 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 did not have 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 80'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.

The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 44 has increased to **779**, which is a rate of 30.0 daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, with **14.8%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 44 (week ending 10/31/20). A provisional total of 608 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in school-aged children (5 to 17 years) during CDC week 44, an almost two-fold increase from the numbers of children diagnosed in this age group 4 weeks earlier (CDC week ending 10/3/2020).

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.

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 579 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Tuesday, November 10. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 574 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. The number of individuals in acute care increased by 100 in a 24 hour period. We are extremely concerned about the current trajectory and potential spread related to the upcoming

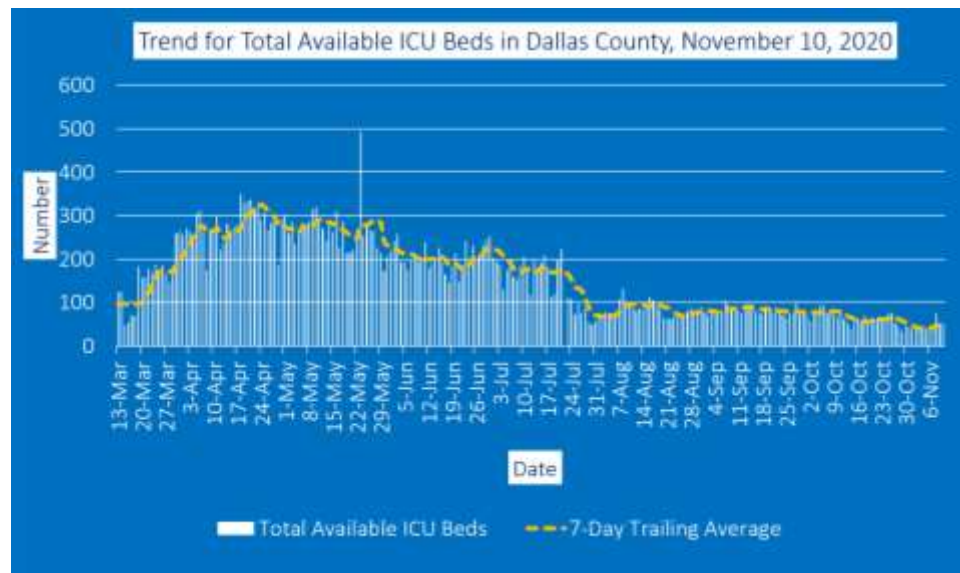
holidays. Please heed the public health warnings and stay home beyond necessary trips outside the home. Avoid all social gatherings, especially bars, indoor restaurants, house parties where masking and distancing may be relaxed. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).

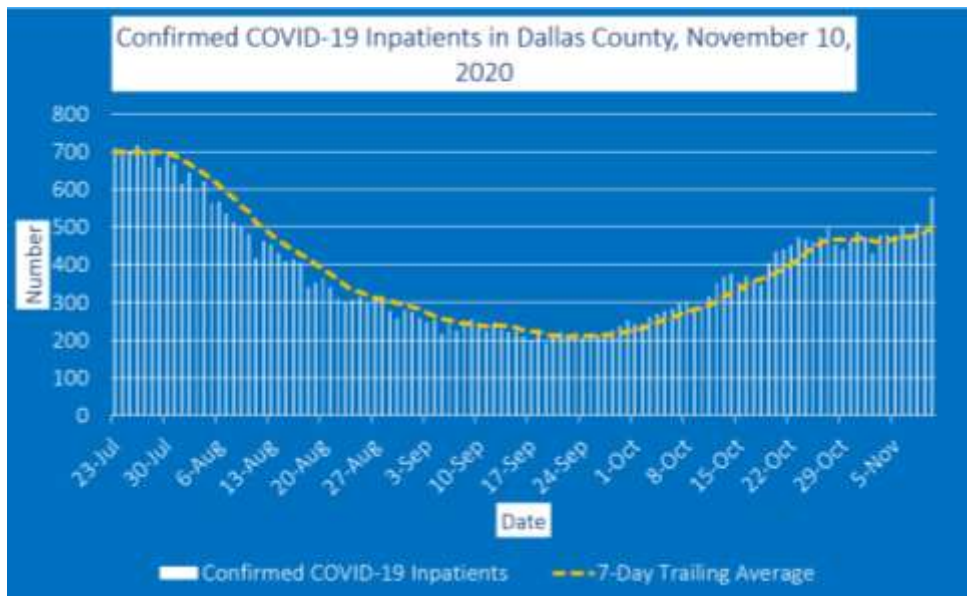
Additionally, Table 9 below is from the November 10, 2020 Dallas County Health and Human Services 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary. Table 9 is a summary of confirmed and probable cases and deaths over the past 16 weeks in Dallas County.

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	664	944	11	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,521	477	646	15	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,352	416	479	12	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,852	304	407	9	13.8%
33	8/15/2020	2,165	180	309	9	13.0%
34	8/22/2020	1,756	184	251	6	11.0%
35	8/29/2020	2,198	184	314	6	10.6%
36	9/5/2020	2,069	154	296	3	10.6%
37	9/12/2020	1,875	190	268	2	9.6%
38	9/19/2020	2,237	236	320	2	11.5%
39	9/26/2020	2,509	265	358	2	10.6%
40	10/3/2020	2,698	307	385	2	10.1%
41	10/10/2020	3,635	464	519	2	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,489	537	641	2	14.0%
43	10/24/2020	5,342	680	763	2	15.4%
44	10/31/2020	5,450	608	779	3	14.8%

* For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of test collection
 ** For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of death
 *** See Table 6 for historical data





“Our COVID numbers for the third day in a row exceed 1,200 cases. Today, we have 1,304 new COVID cases and three additional deaths. Over the last 10 days, five of those days have been above 1,000 cases a

day. Yesterday, we saw the second biggest jump in hospitalizations for COVID that we've experienced thus far. We are at a very dangerous point in the fight against COVID. We are staring down the barrel of the largest spike that we have seen to date in COVID cases.

It's imperative that everyone avoid crowds to the fullest extent possible and wear their mask whenever outside their home. It is also incredibly important that to the fullest extent possible, people telecommute in their work. A significant increase in telecommuting could get us to 65% compliance which would take our R-naught score to 1 and stop this incredible increase in COVID cases. It's up to all of us to do what we can to flatten the curve. The hospitals need your help. Please don't delay. Begin your telecommuting and think about ways to celebrate holidays only with your nuclear family and avoid crowds," 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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