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**For Third Day in a Row, Dallas County Reports Record High Hospitalizations  
2,427 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 17 Deaths  
Including 610 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 1:00 pm January 6, 2021, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 2,427 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 1,817 confirmed cases and 610 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 183,974 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 22,828 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 1,715 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 50'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 60's who was a resident of the city Dallas. He 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60'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 woman in her 60'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 woman in her 60's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the city of Cedar Hill. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70'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 woman in her 70's who was a resident of the city of Garland. She expired in an area hospital ED 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 hospitalized 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 80's who was a resident of the city of Dallas. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the city of Grand Prairie. 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 had been hospitalized 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 had been hospitalized and had no 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 had been hospitalized 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 had been hospitalized and had no 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.

The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 52 was to **1,637**, which is a rate of **67.8** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, with **27.2%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 52 (week ending 12/26/20). Since the beginning of the pandemic, over 3,864 healthcare workers and first responders have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in Dallas County.

Over the past 30 days, there have been 5,309 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 677 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County, including 454 staff members. There are currently 106 active long-term care facility outbreaks. This is the highest number of long-term care facilities with active outbreaks reported in Dallas County since the beginning of the pandemic. A total of 3,201 residents and 1,808 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 688 have been hospitalized and 361 have died. About 22% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Forty outbreaks of COVID-19 in congregate-living facilities (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) have been reported in the past 30 days associated with 99 cases.

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. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summary reports updated Tuesday and Friday evenings are available at: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php>.

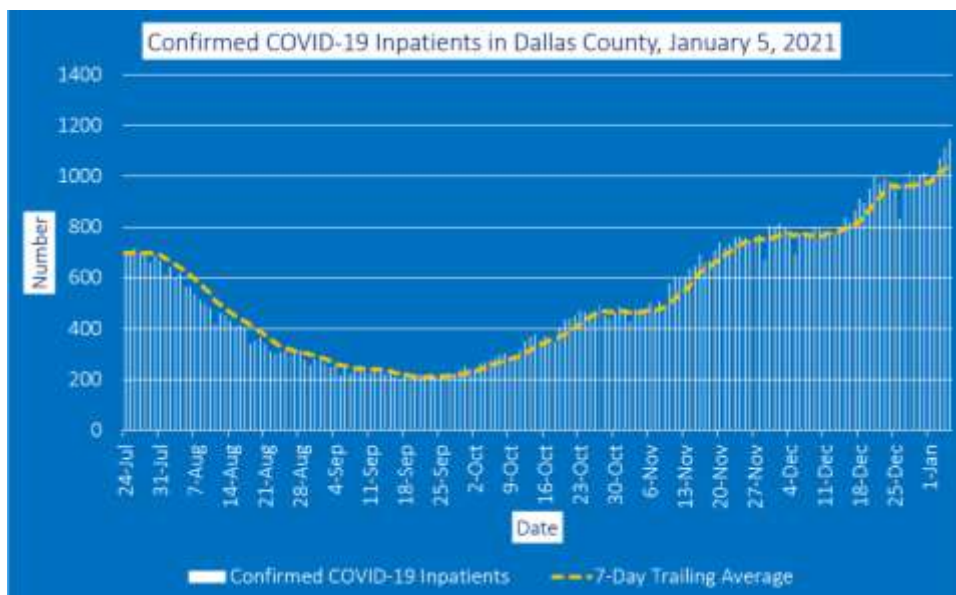
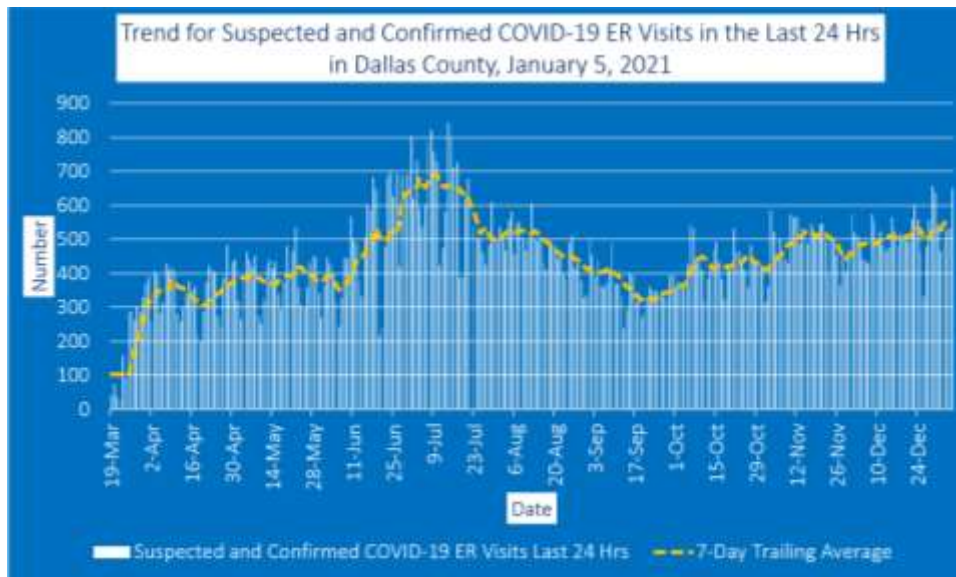
Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 1,145 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Tuesday, January 5. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 651 for the same time-period, which represents around 23 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. This is once again a record high number of hospitalizations. Please take every effort to reduce the spread of COVID by following public health guidance. At expected growth based on modeling, hospital capacity and staffing, as well as ICU bed availability, may be overloaded. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).

On December 3, Trauma Service Area E (TSA E), which includes Dallas County and the greater Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, reached seven consecutive days where the percentage of COVID-19 confirmed patients in regional hospitals, as a percentage of available hospital beds, exceeded 15 percent. According to Governor Abbott's Executive Order GA-32 (GA-32), this makes TSA E an area with high hospitalizations and certain occupancy reductions are automatically triggered by reaching this threshold.

Additionally, the chart below is from the January 5, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary. The chart shows a summary of confirmed and probable cases and deaths since late June in Dallas County.

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***
25	6/20/2020	5,853	472	836	5	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,618	647	1,231	8	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,944	699	1,278	9	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,190	864	1,313	9	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,604	688	943	12	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,521	493	646	15	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,347	417	478	12	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,844	320	406	9	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,158	183	308	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,757	187	251	6	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,198	188	314	6	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,066	162	295	4	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,870	198	267	3	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,243	239	320	2	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,499	261	357	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,659	306	380	2	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,584	453	512	3	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,482	555	640	3	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,312	691	759	5	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,448	617	778	7	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,753	947	1,108	7	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,133	1,311	1,448	10	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,100	1,230	1,443	7	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,570	906	1,224	10	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,147	1,696	1,735	8	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,320	1,680	1,760	7	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	12,681	1,614	1,812	5	26.5%
52	12/26/2020	11,460	1,276	1,637	4	27.2%





“Today we report another 2,427 new COVID cases and 17 deaths. We are ramping up vaccine distribution daily and this Monday we will have several new sites open. To register for the vaccine, go to <http://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination.php>. Also, please remember now it is more important than ever that we use the proven facts that will keep us safe until the vaccine can be broadly administered. With the high spread we’re seeing in the community, January and February will be our worst



months for both hospitalizations and new COVID cases. It is more important than ever that we follow the doctors' advice to wear our masks, frequently wash our hands and avoid crowds and get-togethers. The smart decisions we make today will have an impact on the numbers in two weeks and keep our community and our country as strong as possible at this critical time. If we make those smart decisions, we should see the benefit of early vaccinations in our healthcare workers and most vulnerable residents leading to lower hospitalization rates in March. We have a chance to get back to our pre-COVID activities faster if we all work together and support one another by making thoughtful and patriotic decisions to keep ourselves and our community safe," 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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