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Dallas County Reports 1,407 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 20 Deaths, Including 237 Probable Cases

The 183 Deaths Reported this Week Makes this Dallas County's Deadliest Week Since the Start of the Pandemic

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm January 30, 2021, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 1,407 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 1,170 confirmed cases and 237 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 226,452 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 30,448 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 2,179 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Dallas County Health and Human Services is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and 28,425 first doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. DCHHS is expecting an allotment of 9,000 doses from the State of Texas for next week's operations.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Garland. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. He had been critically ill and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically and did not have 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 60's who was a resident of the City of Farmers Branch. He 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 the City of Irving. She had been hospitalized 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 woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. 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 Desoto. 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 hospitalized 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 man in his 70’s who was a resident of the City of Garland. He expired in hospice care 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 Farmers Branch. 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80’s who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She had been critically ill and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80’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 90’s who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Irving. He had been critically ill and had underlying high risk health conditions.

Four cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7 have been identified in residents of Dallas County who did not have recent travel outside of the US. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 3 was **1,543**, which is a rate of **58.5** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, with **25.7%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 3 (week ending 1/23/21).

Over the past 30 days, there have been 9,471 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 733 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. One COVID-19 outbreak in a school in December originated with spread among 11 staff members, with transmission to 10 students, and subsequent additional SARS-CoV-2 infections documented among at least 13 household members of these students and staff. One death and one hospitalization occurred from this outbreak. A total of 420 children in Dallas County under 18 years of age have been hospitalized since the beginning of the pandemic, including 32 patients diagnosed with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in children (MIS-C). Over 80% of reported MIS-C cases in Dallas have occurred in children who are Hispanic or Latino or Black.

There are currently 113 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 3,776 residents and 2,149 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 798 have been hospitalized and 436 have died. About 22% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Twenty-one 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. A cumulative total of 378 residents and 173 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

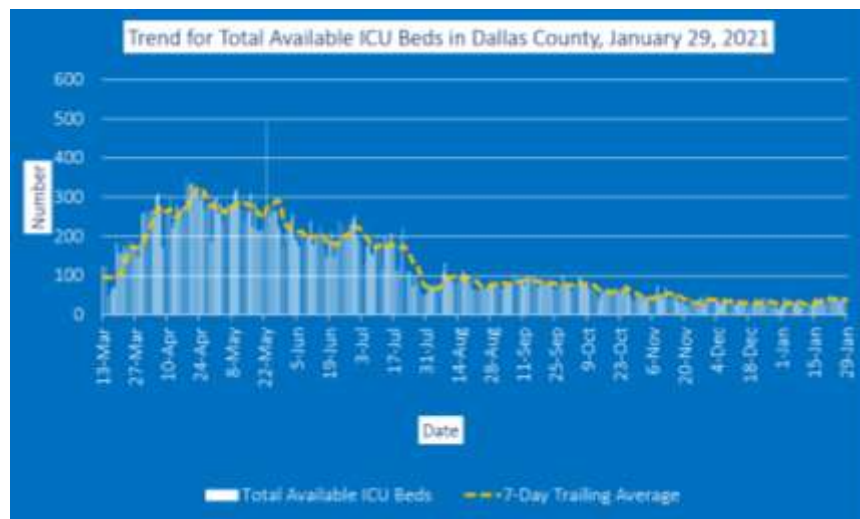
Of all confirmed cases requiring hospitalization to date, more than two-thirds have been under 65 years of age. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summary reports updated Tuesday and Friday evenings are available at: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php>.

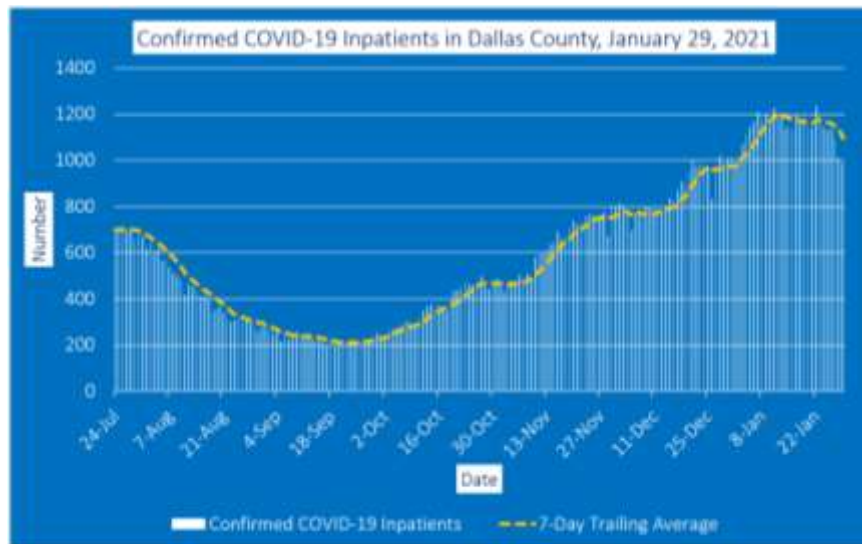
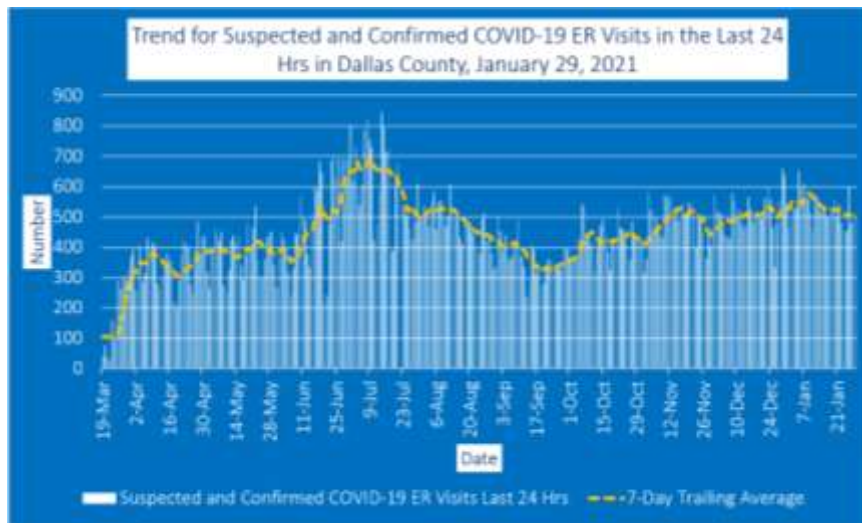
Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 989 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Friday, January 29. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 512 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. While we are encouraged to see a few days with slight decreases, ICU capacity remains heavily strained and hospital

are still operating under surge planning. Updated modeling from UTSW shows hospitalizations between 910-1,390 by February 9. While this is better than previous projections, this still shows immense strain continuing into the future. What we saw from previous surges is it takes many weeks for hospitalizations to reduce. Until we see substantial decreases in case counts and overall better control of the pandemic, hospitals will continue providing substantial care to COVID patients. 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.

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	8,616	647	1,231	8	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,948	699	1,278	9	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,208	865	1,315	9	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,617	692	945	12	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,548	497	650	15	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,376	422	482	12	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,859	323	408	9	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,167	183	310	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,771	189	253	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,217	190	317	6	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,092	163	299	4	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,888	201	270	3	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,258	239	323	3	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,507	262	358	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,666	307	381	2	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,593	456	513	3	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,493	557	642	4	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,327	695	761	5	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,461	619	780	8	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,779	951	1,111	8	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,149	1,315	1,450	11	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,151	1,237	1,450	8	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,638	911	1,234	11	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,213	1,706	1,745	10	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,359	1,682	1,766	9	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,055	1,649	1,865	11	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,120	1,343	1,731	13	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	15,987	1,878	2,284	19	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	18,568	2,480	2,653	9	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,227	1,855	1,890	8	27.5%
3	1/23/2021	10,799	1,555	1,543	5	25.7%





“Today we report 1,407 new COVID cases and 20 deaths. With 183 deaths, this ends our deadliest week of COVID thus far, and as we said last year, January and February will be our darkest months. But, if we make good choices to avoid crowds, forgo get-togethers, wear a mask, maintain distance and wash our hands frequently, as well as register in as many vaccination opportunities as possible, and for those who are eligible, to get vaccinated at their earliest opportunity, we will see better numbers in March and each proceeding month.

While we mourn for those who have been lost to COVID and send our thoughts and prayers to all those who are sick, we are seeing a dip in the number of new infections due to your good decisions and we must continue with that slight progress. It’s up to all of us to do everything we can to keep ourselves, our loved ones, our

community, and our country a little bit stronger in these difficult times. Please make the small sacrifices of patriotism that patriotism requires, and together we will be beat COVID-19,” 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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