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### **Dallas County Reports 294 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 20 Deaths, Including 101 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm April 3, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 294 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 193 confirmed cases and 101 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 252,583 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 39,570 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,591 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Due to the observance of the Easter holiday, the data reported on Monday, April 5 will include data processed Saturday, and the data reported on Tuesday, April 6 will include new numbers from Sunday and Monday, a two-day period.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and over 288,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. Vaccine operations for both first and second doses at Fair Park will continue through Saturday.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 20's 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 30's who was a resident of the City of Irving. He 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 Mesquite. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50'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 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 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 expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. 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 Desoto. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.

- A man in his 60’s who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. 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 Irving. He 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 Irving. 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 expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70’s who was a resident of the City of Dallas. 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 Irving. 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 Cedar Hill. 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 hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80’s who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. She expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 19 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; two cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Two have been hospitalized and five had history of recent domestic travel outside of Texas. One case of B.1.1.7 is a likely instance of reinfection with COVID-19, occurring over 6 months after an initial PCR-confirmed infection. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 12 was **208**, which is a rate of **7.9** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, and with **7.6%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 12 (week ending 3/27/21).

An outbreak of over 70 cases of COVID-19 has been reported associated with attendees at a high school dance and dinner on March 13<sup>th</sup>, including subsequent spread into their household members. During the past 30 days, there were 1,511 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 452 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. There are currently 25 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,297 residents and 2,395 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,032 have been hospitalized and 699 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Twelve 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 434 residents and 208 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 180 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on April 2. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 370 for the same time-period, which represents around 15 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. We remain concerned for additional waves due to a potential rise in variants and because community spread remains high

creating an environment for cases to reignite, especially if compliance with personal actions such as masking and distancing decline. We don't yet know the implications of Spring Break and other travel, and encourage everyone to continue taking all personal precautions recommended by the CDC and local public health experts, especially avoiding indoor gatherings. CDC "Holiday Tips," recommends avoiding in-person religious gatherings and remaining only with your household members for meals and other activities, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/winter.html>. UTSW forecasting reflects an increase within their model with hospitalizations between 120-180 and daily case counts of 400 by April 19th. Modeling indicates if there are major changes to personal behaviors, such as not masking or social distancing, that we could see substantial surge. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).

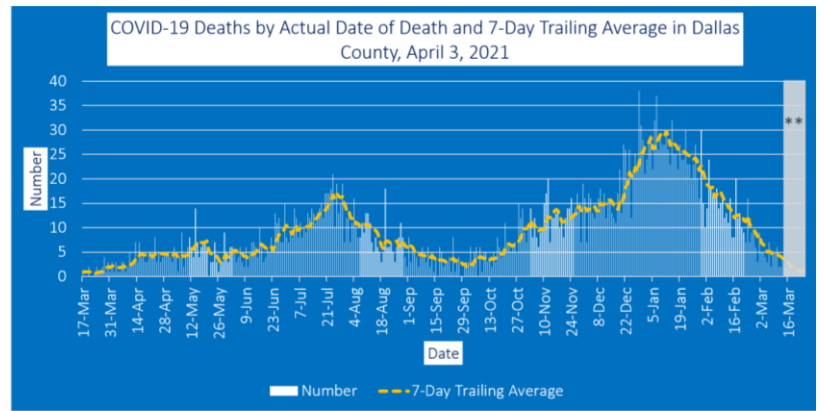
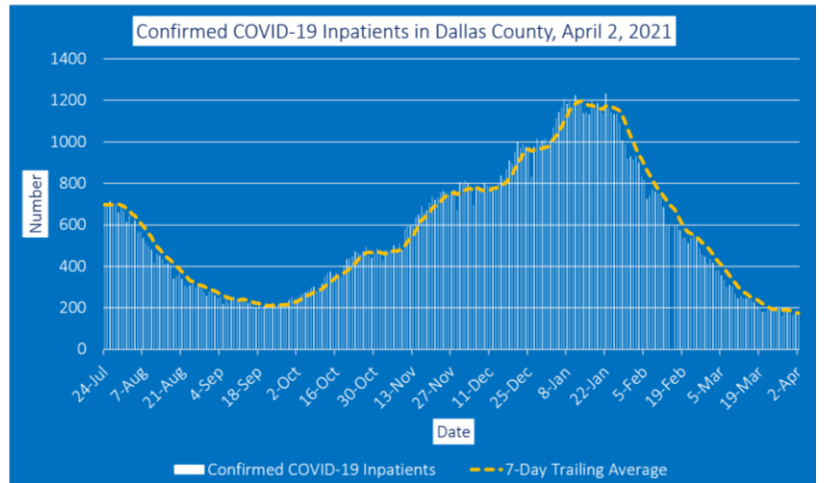
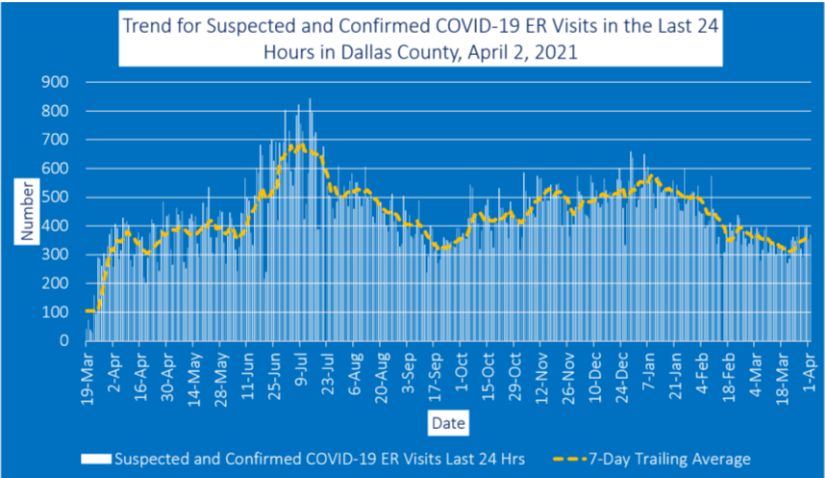
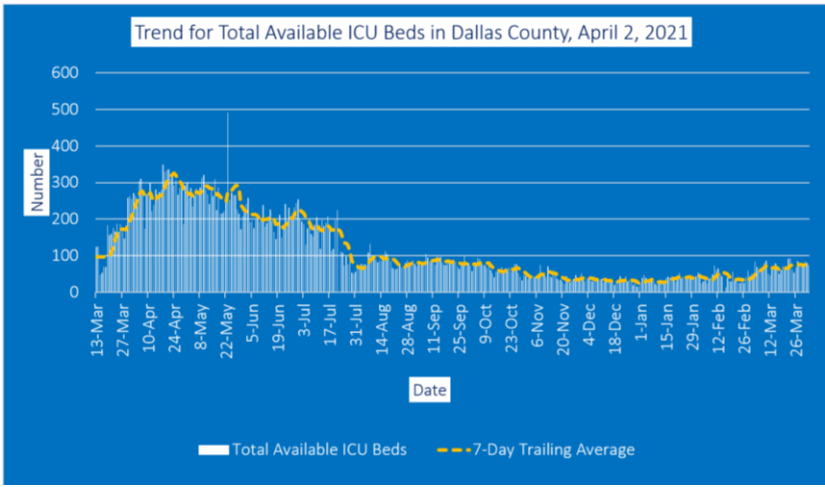
**Summary of weekly COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases, deaths, and percentage positive laboratory tests, Dallas County (CDC Weeks 25 - 12)**

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	5,881	478	840	6	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,598	647	1,228	9	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,954	700	1,279	10	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,143	857	1,306	10	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,544	685	935	13	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,529	496	647	16	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,342	422	477	14	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,851	322	407	10	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,157	184	308	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,763	190	252	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,208	185	315	7	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,082	162	297	5	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,890	203	270	4	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,241	238	320	4	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,487	264	355	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,726	320	389	3	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,687	473	527	4	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,494	561	642	4	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,322	695	760	6	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,264	605	752	10	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,972	997	1,139	9	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,175	1,377	1,454	13	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,222	1,269	1,460	12	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,764	941	1,252	15	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,333	1,760	1,762	14	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,506	1,733	1,787	15	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,334	1,684	1,905	16	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,535	1,368	1,791	21	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	16,369	1,932	2,338	28	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	19,185	2,565	2,741	29	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,909	1,961	1,987	27	27.6%
3	1/23/2021	11,877	1,705	1,697	25	25.6%
4	1/30/2021	10,248	1,519	1,464	23	24.2%
5	2/6/2021	7,727	1,177	1,104	16	20.2%
6	2/13/2021	4,873	608	696	14	19.6%
7	2/20/2021	1,719	124	246	12	15.5%
8	2/27/2021	3,311	467	473	9	12.1%
9	3/6/2021	2,114	275	302	5	9.7%
10	3/13/2021	1,926	255	275	4	7.1%
11	3/20/2021	1,466	207	209	1	7.8%
12	3/27/2021	1,459	216	208	<1	7.6%

\* 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

\*\*\* Percentage positive PCR tests in symptomatic patients presenting to area hospital emergency department reporting surveillance data



“Today we report an additional 294 cases of COVID-19 and 20 deaths. Included in those deaths is a man in his 20’s who did not have an underlying health condition and died after a lengthy stay in the hospital. Our provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases for CDC week 12 is 208. It was 209 last week so the numbers are staying roughly the same. They are seeing spikes in cases in 33 states. This, coupled with the death of several young people without underlying health conditions reported this week, is a strong reminder of the need to continue wearing a mask, washing our hands, maintaining distance when around people outside our home and avoiding crowds.

The most important thing you can do for public health right now is to get registered for the COVID vaccine and get vaccinated. We have gone through the 1.1 million people who have signed up on the county list and offered appointments to all of them who had signed up by last week. We will be offering appointments in the next day or two to those who signed up in the last several days. If you registered for a vaccine with [www.DallasCounty.org](http://www.DallasCounty.org) this week, you should get an appointment this week.

If you’re 65 or older, you don’t need an appointment. Just come to Fair Park on a day we’re open and we will get you vaccinated. If you’re over 65 and have not already registered, it is a faster and better experience if you register beforehand at [www.DallasCounty.org](http://www.DallasCounty.org), but you do not need to wait for an appointment. Simply register, hop in your car, and come get vaccinated.

We need everyone’s help and I’m calling on our faith partners for this weekend to make an extra push to get people registered for the vaccine so we can work together and get them vaccinated. Together, we can reach herd immunity. I wish everyone a very happy Easter weekend. We have much to be thankful for here in North Texas,” 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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