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**Dallas County Reports 275 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 10 Deaths, Including 54 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 2:00 pm April 10, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 275 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 221 confirmed cases and 54 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 253,889 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 40,045 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,697 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and over 334,000 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 60's who was a resident of the City of Garland. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Rowlett. 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. She 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 Garland. 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 hospice care 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.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Carrollton. She 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 the City of Cedar Hill. She 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 Garland. She expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 46 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Three have been hospitalized and seven 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 13 was **197**,

which is a rate of **7.5** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, and with **8.3%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 13 (week ending 4/3/21).

During the past 30 days, there were 1,110 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 351 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. Fifteen of the newly reported cases over the past week have been associated with youth sports. There are currently 22 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,307 residents and 2,435 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,044 have been hospitalized and 716 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Nine 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 486 residents and 214 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 9. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 413 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. Please continue to do your part to reduce spread. Masking, social distancing and avoiding gatherings, as well as getting your vaccination. Removal of some restrictions by the CDC is still very limited for those who are vaccinated, and medium and large gatherings especially indoors should still be avoided by all individuals regardless of vaccination status. Updated UTSW forecasting reflects a decrease within their model with hospitalizations between 110-170 and daily case counts of 350 by April 26th. 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](#).

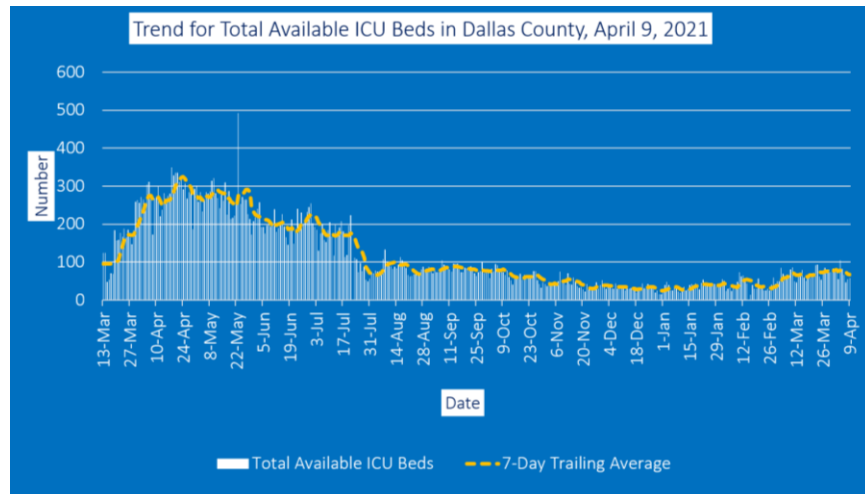
## Summary of weekly COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases, deaths, and percentage positive laboratory tests, Dallas County (CDC Weeks 25 - 13)

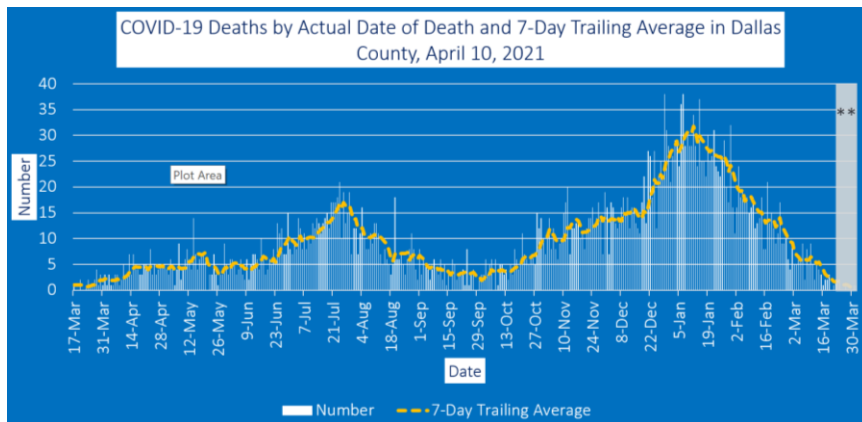
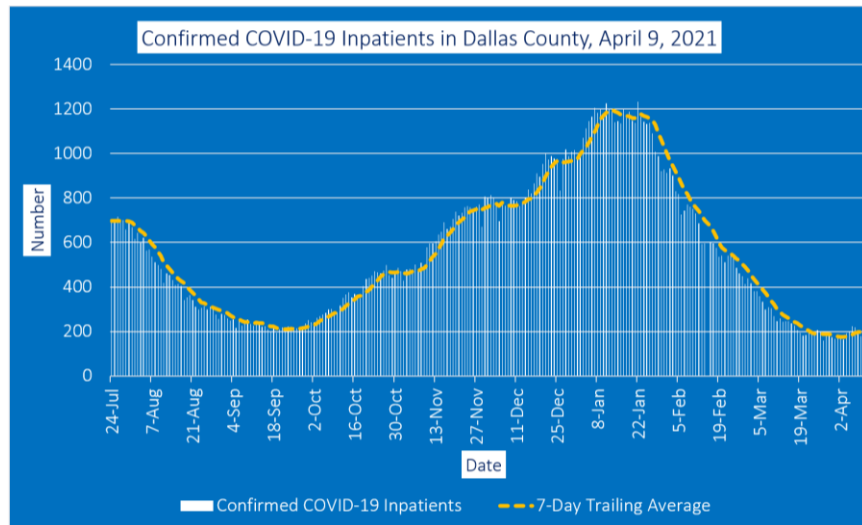
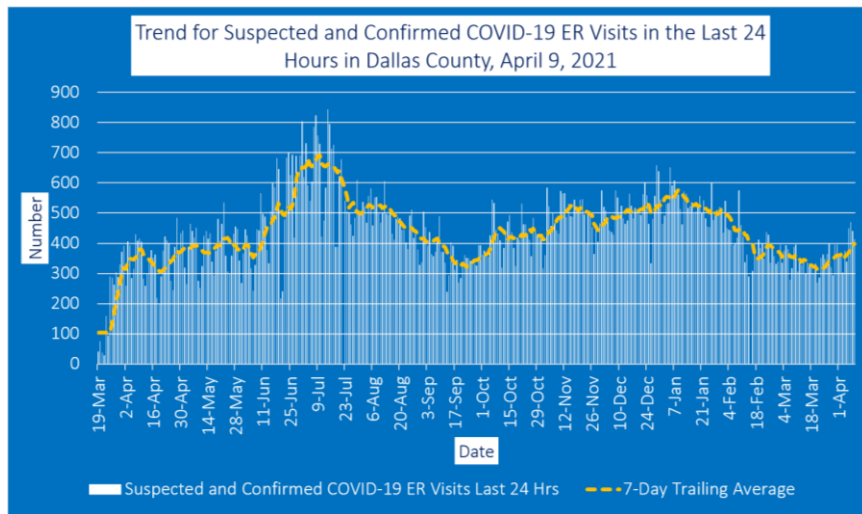
CDC Week	Week Ending	Total Confirmed and Probable Cases	Total School-Aged Cases (5 to 17 years)	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Cases*	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Deaths**	Percentage of Tests Positive for SARS-CoV-2***
25	6/20/2020	5,881	478	840	6	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,599	647	1,228	9	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,968	701	1,281	10	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,148	856	1,307	10	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,544	686	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	2,161	184	309	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,764	190	252	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,207	185	315	7	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,080	162	297	5	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,889	203	270	4	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,242	238	320	4	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,464	262	352	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,664	311	381	3	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,684	473	526	4	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,493	561	642	4	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,317	696	760	6	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,263	605	752	10	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,982	998	1,140	9	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,179	1,378	1,454	13	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,236	1,268	1,462	12	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,769	943	1,253	15	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,344	1,760	1,763	14	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,506	1,733	1,787	15	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,345	1,685	1,906	16	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,544	1,369	1,792	21	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	16,369	1,931	2,338	29	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	19,185	2,567	2,741	31	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,907	1,961	1,987	29	27.6%
3	1/23/2021	11,877	1,704	1,697	26	25.6%
4	1/30/2021	10,246	1,518	1,464	24	24.2%
5	2/6/2021	7,726	1,176	1,104	17	20.2%
6	2/13/2021	4,908	609	701	15	19.6%
7	2/20/2021	1,748	125	250	13	15.5%
8	2/27/2021	3,324	468	475	10	12.1%
9	3/6/2021	2,125	275	304	6	9.7%
10	3/13/2021	1,934	255	276	5	7.1%
11	3/20/2021	1,478	207	211	2	7.8%
12	3/27/2021	1,535	218	219	1	7.6%
13	4/3/2021	1,377	231	197	<1	8.3%

\* 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





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The vaccine is readily available to anyone who wants it. Simply sign up at [www.DallasCounty.org](http://www.DallasCounty.org) and you will receive a same day appointment or an appointment for the following day. Likewise, there are more and more places to get the vaccine like CVS, Kroger, and other pharmacies. I hope everyone enjoys the beautiful spring weather and spends time with people that they love. One of the best ways to help our community and the people

that you love is to get vaccinated and encourage those who you have influence over to get vaccinated so that we can get COVID-19 behind us,” 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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