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**Dallas County Reports 502 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 13 Deaths, Including 108 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 4:00 pm April 19, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 502 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 394 confirmed cases and 108 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 255,407 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 40,638 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,807 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 371,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, as of April 18, 55.6% of individuals 65 and older are fully vaccinated in Dallas County. Vaccine operations for both first and second doses at Fair Park resumed today and will continue through Saturday.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40's 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 40'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 Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A women in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A women in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A women 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 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 women in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A women 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 women 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 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Garland. He expired in a facility 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 underlying high risk health conditions.

One death reported today was of a person who received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine but was on immunosuppressant medication. To date, a total of 57 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. Four have been hospitalized with 2 requiring intensive care unit admission. 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 14 was **224**, which is a rate of **8.5** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 14 (week ending 4/10/21), **9.0%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

During the past 30 days, there were 1,083 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 359 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. Of the cases reported over the past month, 116 have been associated with youth sports. There are currently 23 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,330 residents and 2,448 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,064 have been hospitalized and 749 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Seven 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 564 residents and 216 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 in determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. Due to weekend reporting, new data will be available on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

“Today we report both Saturday and Sunday numbers for a total of 502 new COVID-19 cases and 13 deaths. We are in a race against time and the virus to reach herd immunity and for enough patriotic people to help themselves and their community by doing their part to get vaccinated before the virus has a chance to mutate outside of the parameters of protection of the current vaccines. The most important thing you can do for your community and yourself is to get vaccinated.

It is now easier than ever to get vaccinated at Fair Park. No appointment or registration is needed. You can simply drive to Fair Park between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and get your shot. For faster service, spend the two to three minutes necessary to register online and you can skip the registration line when arriving at Fair Park. There are other opportunities to get a shot in Dallas County as well.

Don't delay and please continue following the advice of the CDC: wash your hands frequently, avoid large crowds, maintain distance when outdoors or exercising, and wear a mask when around potentially unvaccinated people outside your home,” 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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