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Dallas County Reports 225 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 8 Deaths, Including 41 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 11:00 am April 22, 2021, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 225 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 184 confirmed cases and 41 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 255,966 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 40,865 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,836 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 392,000 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 Friday.

- The additional deaths being reported today include the following:
 - A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Addison. He expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
 - A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. 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 Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
 - A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Farmers Branch. He expired in a facility 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 Lancaster. She 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 expired in a facility 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 Mesquite. He expired in a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
 - A woman in her 90's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. She expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.

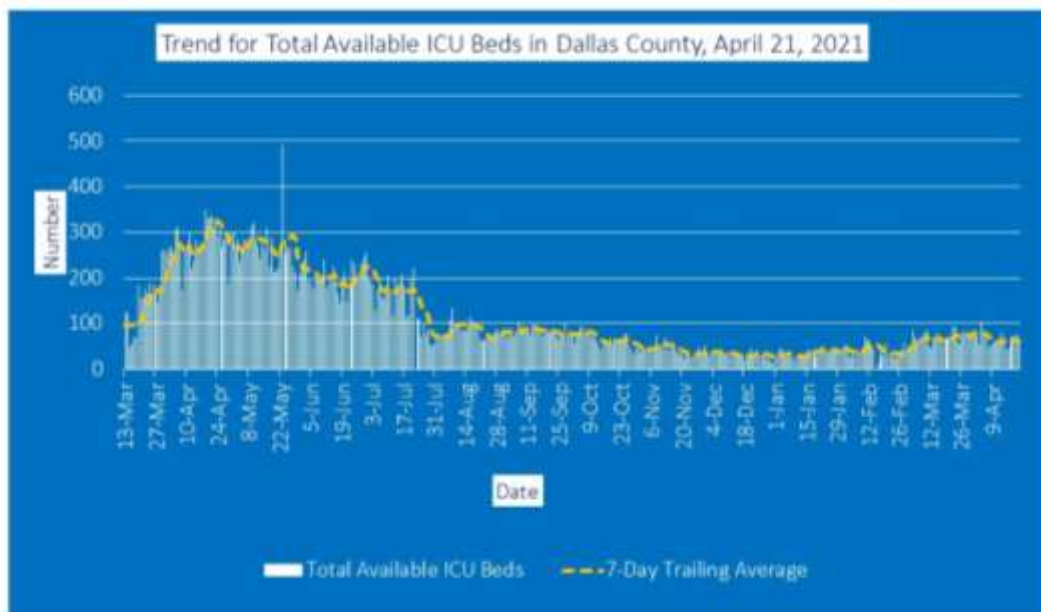
To date, a total of 57 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Four have been hospitalized with 2 requiring intensive care unit admission. Seven had history of recent domestic travel 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 **250**, which is a rate of **9.0** 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 25 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.

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 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, available at: <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php>.

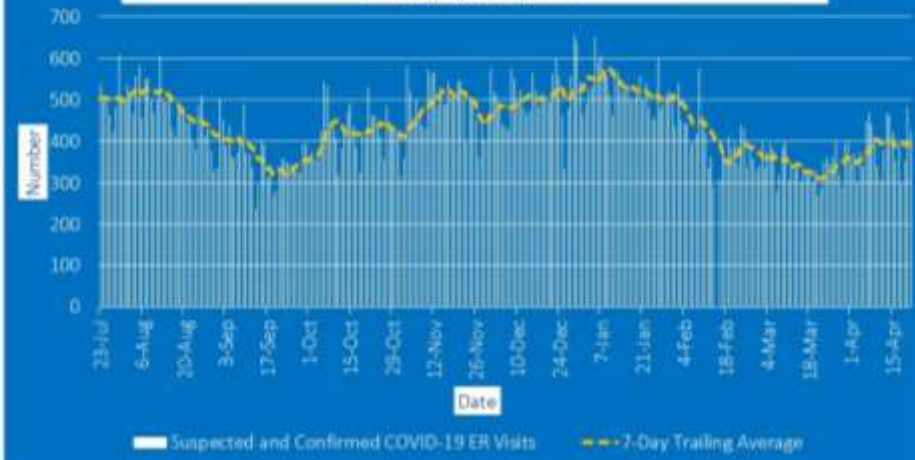
Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators as part of determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 194 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on April 22. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 438 for the same time period, which represents around 17 percent of all emergency department visits in the county. 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 an increase within their model with hospitalizations between 150-190 and daily case counts of 260 by May 10th. Modeling indicates if there are major changes to personal behaviors, such as not masking or social distancing, or a drop off in the rate of vaccination, that we could see a substantial surge. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).



Total number of ICU Beds (Adult and PICU) available in Dallas County, April 21, 2021



Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 ER Visits in the last 21 hours, Dallas County, April 21, 2021



All Suspected COVID-19 Admissions in the last 24 hours, Dallas County, April 21, 2021



“Today we report 225 cases of COVID-19 and 8 deaths. Today we also celebrated our 400,000th shot given at Fair Park. This site has given more vaccine than any other site in Texas by far. The success at Fair Park is a testament to the hard work of Dallas County, city, state, and federal employees, as well as an amazing volunteer and contractor group working hard every day to get a little better and improve both throughput and the customer experience. The result is virtually no wait at Fair Park and anyone who wants a shot can get one.

We are in a race against time and the virus to reach herd immunity before it can successfully mutate into a form that is vaccine resistant. Getting yourself and everyone vaccinated is not only important for your family and our community, it is also important for America's economy and well-being. Getting a vaccination is the most patriotic thing most people can do at this time. Please be a part of the battle to defeat COVID and get your vaccine today,” 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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