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Dallas County Reports 181 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 9 Deaths, Including 72 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm April 23, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 181 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 109 confirmed cases and 72 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 256,075 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 40,937 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,845 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 402,700 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 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 expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Garland. 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 Desoto. He expired in an area hospital ED 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 Dallas. She expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Irving. He was found deceased at home.
- A woman in her 80'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 man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.

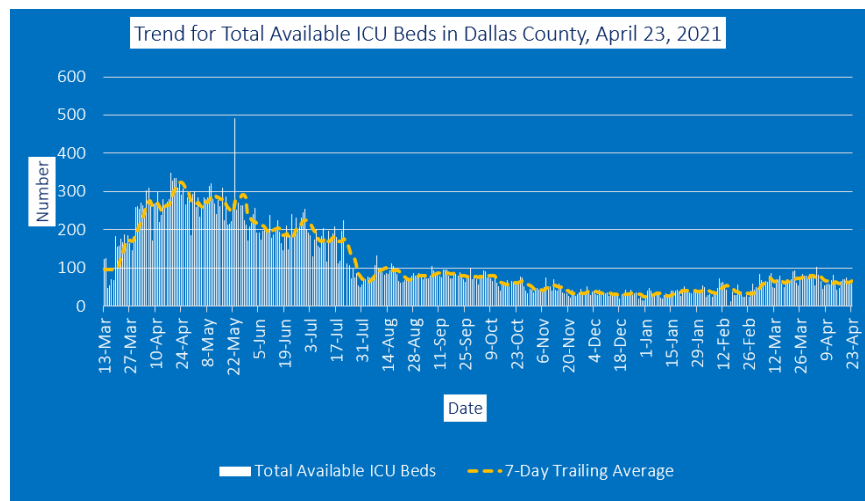
To date, a total of 57 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Four have been hospitalized with 2 requiring intensive care unit admission. Seven had history of recent domestic travel 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 **9.5** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of

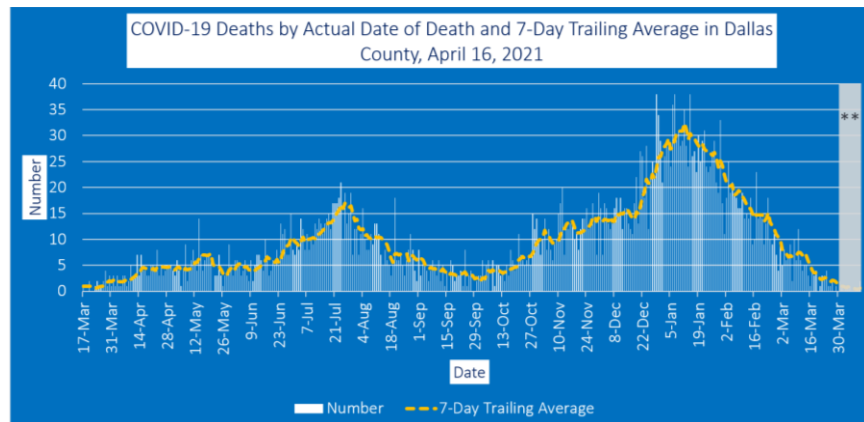
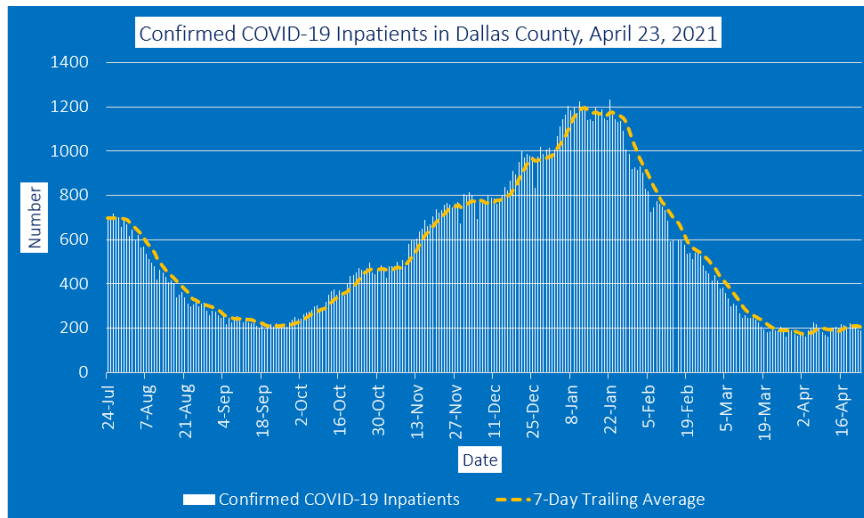
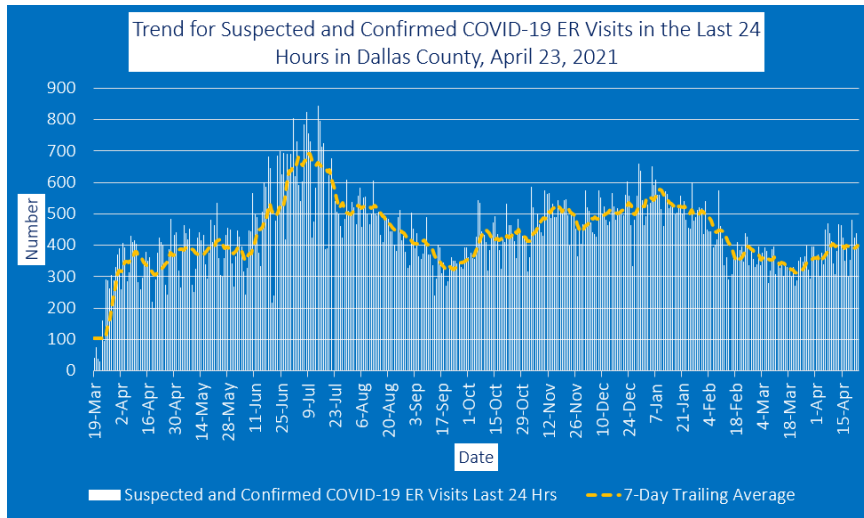
symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 14 (week ending 4/10/21), **9.0%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

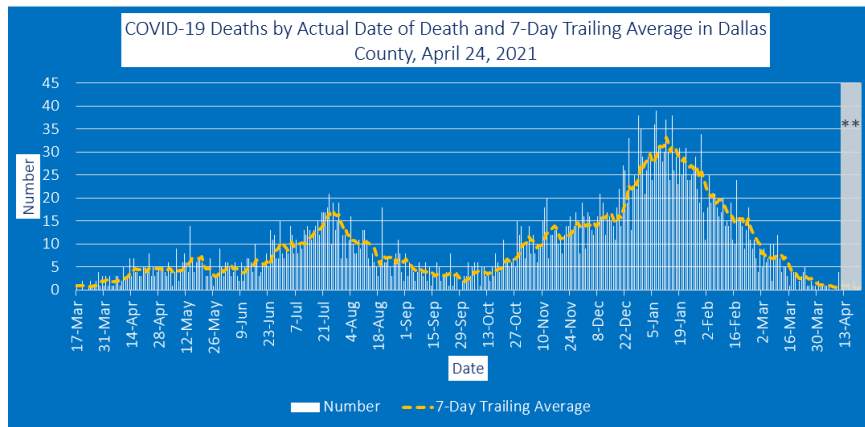
During the past 30 days, there were 1,065 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 381 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. Of the cases reported over the past month, 93 have been associated with youth sports. There are currently 26 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,340 residents and 2,448 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,071 have been hospitalized and 755 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 571 residents and 219 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 188 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on April 23. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 403 for the same time period, which represents around 15 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](#). You can find the prior day's 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 - 14)

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	5,891	481	842	6	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,620	648	1,231	9	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,976	706	1,282	10	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,153	856	1,308	10	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,546	686	935	13	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,530	496	647	16	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,341	422	477	14	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,854	323	408	10	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,165	184	309	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,761	190	252	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,203	185	315	7	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,082	162	297	5	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,889	203	270	4	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,243	238	320	4	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,466	262	352	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,670	314	381	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	5,316	696	759	6	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,272	607	753	10	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,991	999	1,142	9	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,181	1,377	1,454	13	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,236	1,269	1,462	12	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,771	943	1,253	15	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,352	1,760	1,765	14	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,512	1,729	1,787	15	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,357	1,687	1,908	16	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,550	1,370	1,793	22	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	16,371	1,932	2,339	29	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	19,182	2,568	2,740	31	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,912	1,961	1,987	30	27.6%
3	1/23/2021	11,899	1,706	1,700	27	25.6%
4	1/30/2021	10,247	1,518	1,464	26	24.2%
5	2/6/2021	7,726	1,176	1,104	19	20.2%
6	2/13/2021	4,911	609	702	16	19.6%
7	2/20/2021	1,761	125	252	15	15.5%
8	2/27/2021	3,327	468	475	11	12.1%
9	3/6/2021	2,136	276	305	7	9.7%
10	3/13/2021	1,935	257	276	7	7.1%
11	3/20/2021	1,484	209	212	3	7.8%
12	3/27/2021	1,551	221	222	2	7.6%
13	4/3/2021	1,462	237	209	1	8.3%
14	4/10/2021	1,749	278	250	1	9.0%

* 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 another 181 new cases of COVID-19 and 9 additional deaths. COVID continues to be a serious threat in our community. Spread continues to be considered high by CDC standards. It is important that we all get vaccinated as soon as possible. Regardless of your personal risk, vaccination is the best way to protect yourself, your vulnerable family and friends, and our community as a whole. Continued vigilance with washing your hands, maintaining 6-foot distance when unmasked outdoors, and wearing a mask in indoor settings when around people other than your household, or small groups of known fully vaccinated people is also very important. The CDC continues to recommend masking in outdoor settings when around unvaccinated

people when 6 foot is not possible, such as in a crowded venue. Vaccination is safe, easy, and highly effective against COVID. We now have at least three sites in Dallas County available for no appointment and no pre-registration required first shot vaccines. These are Fair Park, Ellis Davis Field House, and Eastfield College Campus. We are closed at Fair Park over the weekend, but open at Ellis Davis, and Eastfield on Saturday. On Sunday, Parkland will be open for no appointment shots. For Fair Park, please register online at DallasCounty.org to ensure a faster experience. On Thursday of next week we'll also offer late hours, up until 9pm. We know that many people who want a shot have not received one yet, and we are in a race against the virus to reach herd immunity before the virus is able to mutate further and make the current vaccines less effective. So, please get your vaccine without delay. And together we will defeat COVID," 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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