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Dallas County Reports 175 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 10 Deaths, Including 43 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm April 27, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 175 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 132 confirmed cases and 43 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 256,693 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 41,119 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,872 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 410,000 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 were closed today but will resume on Wednesday.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A woman in her 20'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 woman in her 30'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 50's who was a resident of the City of Garland. 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 man in his 60'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 Seagoville. 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 Dallas. 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 Dallas. 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 Balch Springs. He had been critically ill in an area hospital 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 Desoto. She expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.

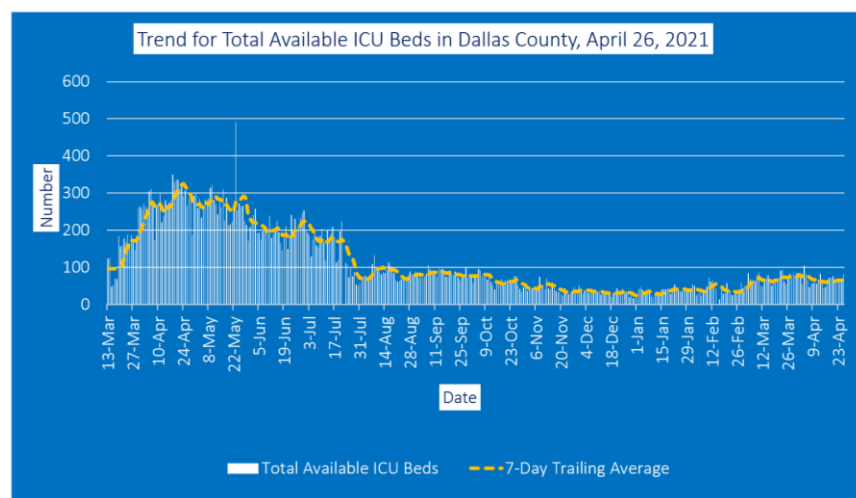
To date, a total of 57 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six cases of B.1.429 variants; and one case of a B.1.526 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Four have been hospitalized with 2 requiring intensive care unit admission. Seven had history of recent domestic travel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

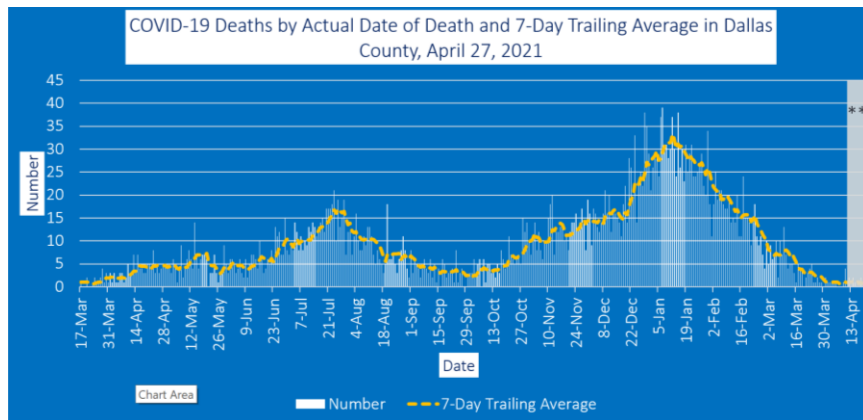
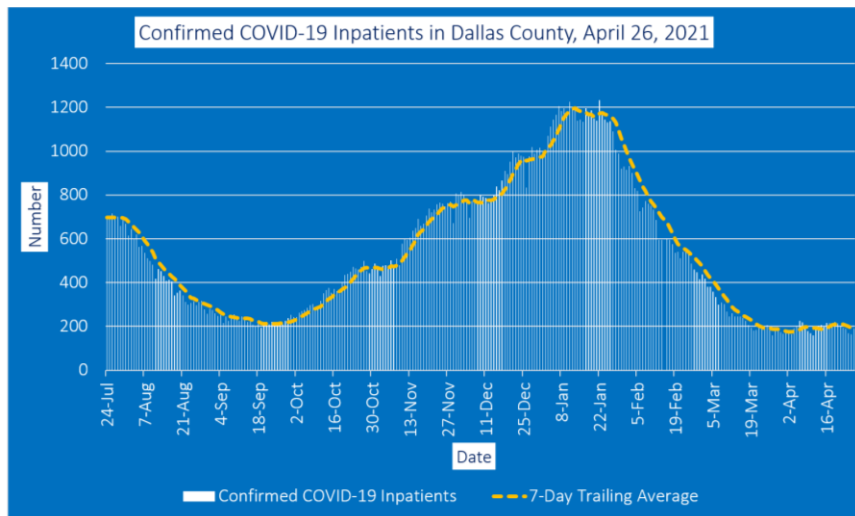
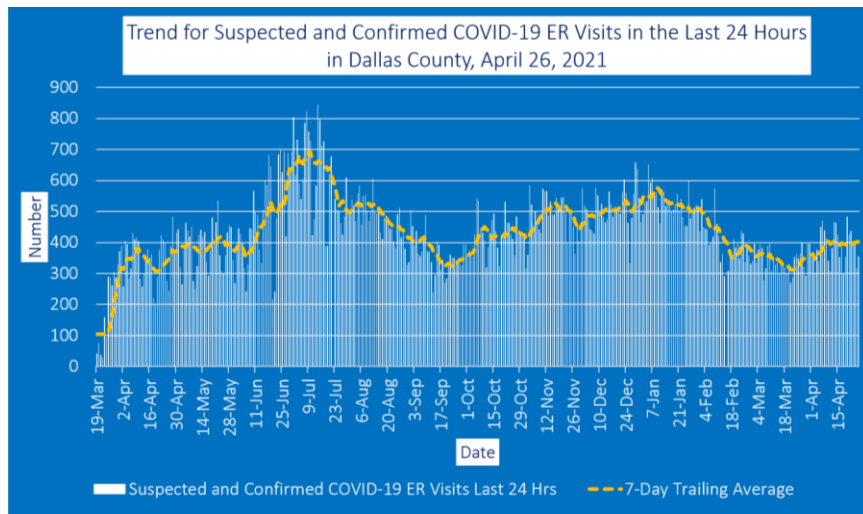
collection) for CDC week 15 was **205**, which is a rate of **7.8** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 15 (week ending 4/17/21), **10.8%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

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 192 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on April 26. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 355 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](#).





“Today we report an additional 175 cases of COVID-19 and 10 deaths. Increasingly, our population of new COVID cases is trending younger due to the fact that the vast majority of the population 65 years of age and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine but only about 25% of those age 16 to 30 have received one dose. This also tends to be the group that is out and about the most and at most risk of contracting COVID either through their jobs or through social activity.

COVID is now an almost completely preventable disease with the simple administration of a vaccine. Tomorrow at Fair Park, you can arrive with or without an appointment and with or without registration, and choose between the Pfizer two-dose vaccine or the Johnson and Johnson one-and-done vaccine. There are many known complications from COVID-19, including hospitalization and death. What is unknown is the long-term effect of COVID on those who have contracted it. For instance, we know that chickenpox reemerges as the

shingles and that the HPV virus leads to a marked increase in cervical cancer. We don't know what the effects of COVID are 20 years from now, but you can protect yourself from those effects by getting the vaccine now.

Getting the vaccine is not only the most important thing you can do to protect your health, it is also an act of civic responsibility to protect your community and patriotism to help America get beyond the COVID-19 virus. When it comes to matters of health, I made my peace early on to listen to the scientists who have trained their entire adult lives to advise us in this critical moment and to not get my information from non-scientific sources. I strongly encourage everyone who has yet to make up their mind about the vaccine to follow that advice, talk to their doctor, and look at trusted medical websites or information. If you do, what you will see is that medicine uniformly supports vaccination to protect you and your community," 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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