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Dallas County Reports 170 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 5 Deaths, Including 61 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 2:00 pm May 4, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 170 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 109 confirmed cases and 61 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 258,004 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 41,577 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,913 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 445,000 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 with extended hours of 8am to 8pm.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. 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 Duncanville. 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 Irving. He 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 Dallas. She 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 Seagoville. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.

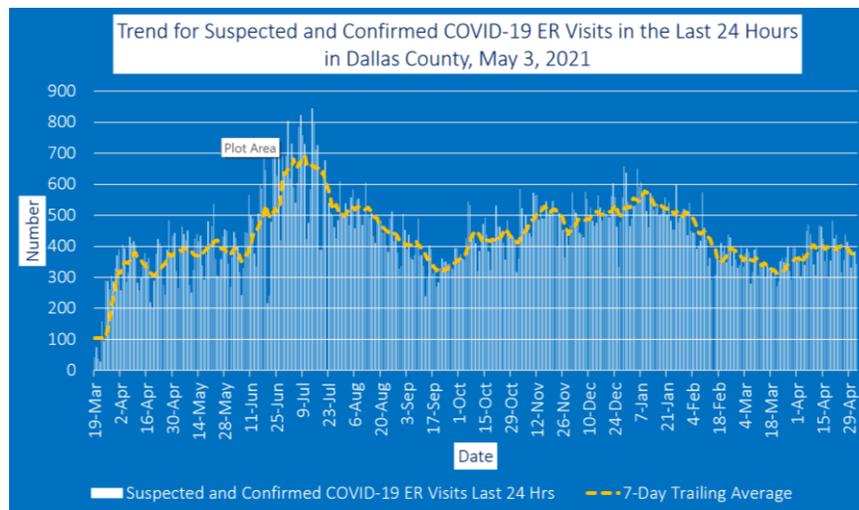
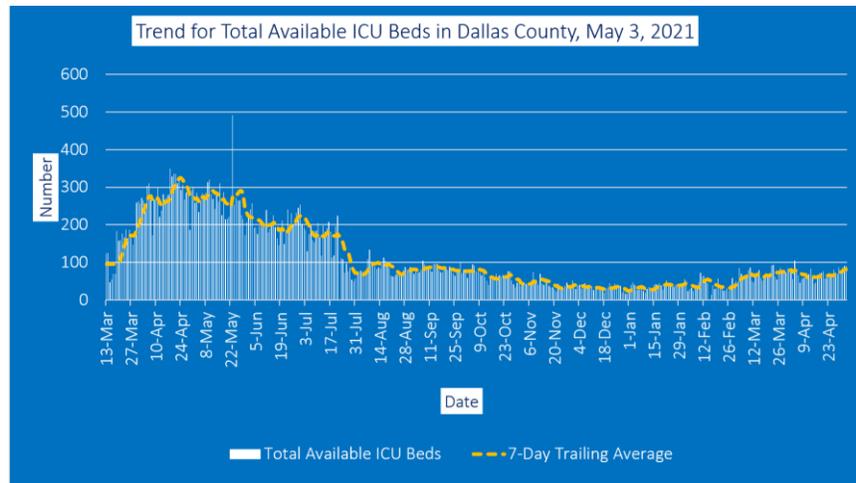
One additional case of SARS-CoV-2 B.1.1.7 variant has been newly confirmed in a resident of Dallas County. To date, a total of 59 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six B.1.429 variants; one B.1.526 variant, one P.1 variant, and one P.2 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Five have been hospitalized with 3 requiring intensive care unit admission, and one has died. 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 16 was **199**, which is a rate of **7.6** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 16 (week ending 4/24/21), **9.5%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

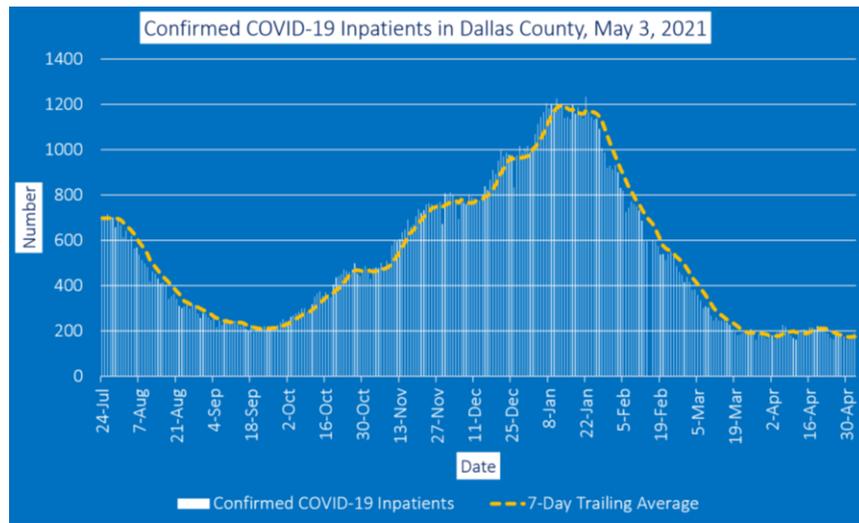
During the past 30 days, there were 1,065 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 381 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. Of the cases reported over the past month, 93 have been associated with youth sports. There are currently 27 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,358 residents and 2,452 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,078 have been hospitalized and 766 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been

associated with long-term care facilities. Eleven 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 593 residents and 220 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 190 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on May 3. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 343 for the same time-period, which represents around 15 percent of all emergency department visits in the county. Vaccination is the best way to prevent illness and hospitalization from COVID, protect yourself and your loved ones by getting vaccinated as soon as possible. Updated UTSW forecasting reflects an increase within their model with hospitalizations between 160-230 and daily case counts of 260 by May 17th. If vaccination rates continue to increase, hospitalizations within the model remain low. With a slower pace of vaccination, the model shows growth in some scenarios. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).





“Today we report an additional 170 cases of COVID-19 and five additional deaths. Also today, we report that a previously reported death was from the B.1.1.7 variant which began in the United Kingdom and is believed to be more deadly and transmittable than previous strains. The genetic sequencing was not back at the time we reported the death but has since come in and confirmed the B.1.1.7 strain.

Currently, we are at 49.33 percent of eligible people over the age of 16 who have received at least one dose of vaccine. Vaccine is now widely available in the county and you can come to Fair Park tomorrow between the hours of 8am and 8pm and receive either the Pfizer two-dose vaccine or the Johnson and Johnson one-and-done vaccine. Wait times are short and the weather should be nice, so drive your car down or take DART and come get your shot. It’s a great extra Mother’s Day gift to let mom know you’re vaccinated and protected, and that you’ve done your patriotic part to help our community and our country defeat COVID-19,” 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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