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Dallas County Reports 285 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 9 Deaths, Including 104 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 2:00 pm May 13, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 285 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 181 confirmed cases and 104 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 259,211 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 42,099 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,961 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 466,000 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 resume on Friday from 8am to 5pm.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A woman in her 40'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 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 50's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. He expired 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 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 Desoto. 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 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 a long-term care facility in the City of Coppell. He had been critically ill in an area hospital 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 Dallas. She expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.

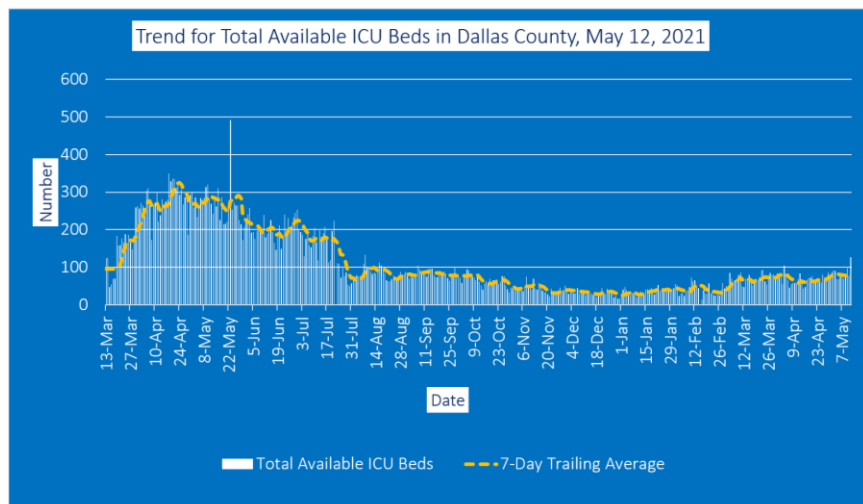
To date, a total of 81 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 69 cases of variant B.1.1.7; seven B.1.429 variants; two B.1.526 variants; two P.1 variants; and one P.2 variant. Five have been hospitalized with 3 requiring intensive care 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 17 was

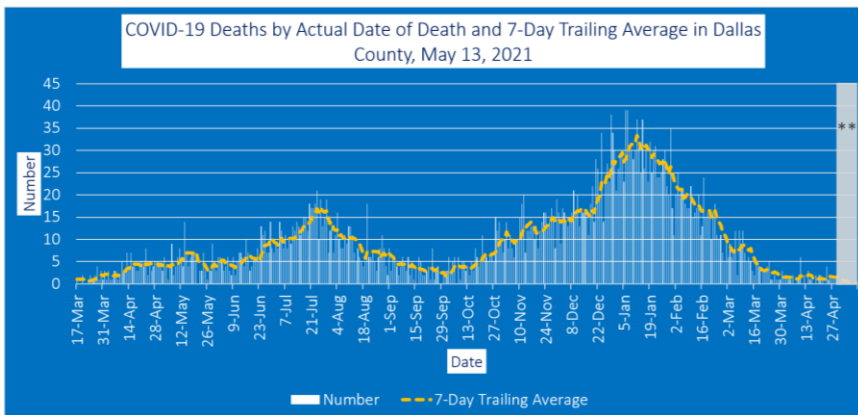
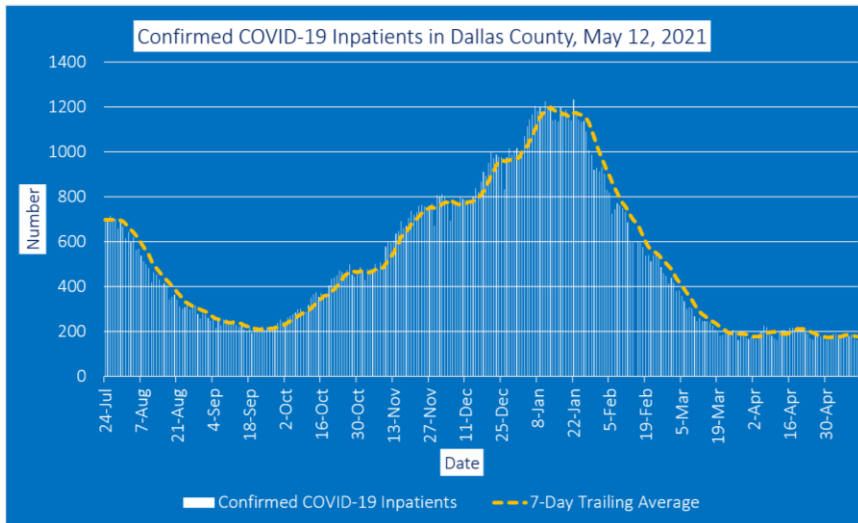
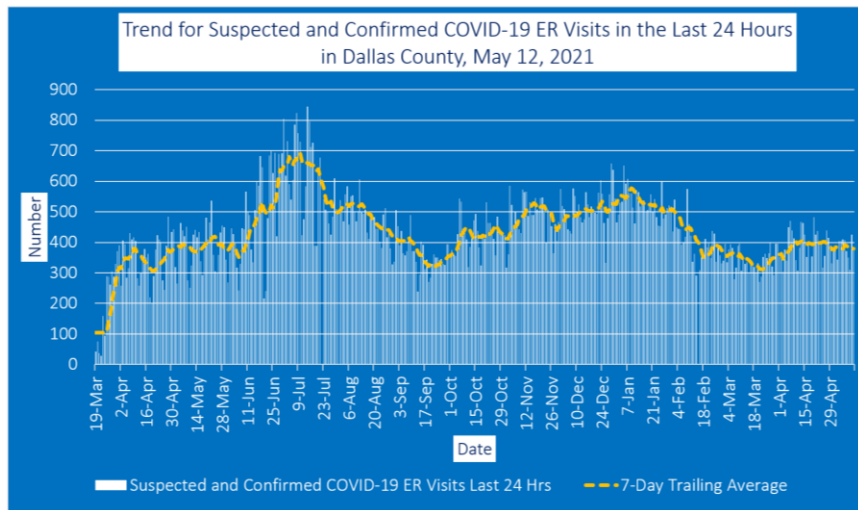
215, which is a rate of **8.2** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 17 (week ending 5/1/21), **10.8%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

During the past 30 days, there were 1,106 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 417 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. There are currently 31 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,370 residents and 2,462 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,089 have been hospitalized and 775 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Twelve 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 598 residents and 221 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 162 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on May 12. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 380 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. The most recent forecasting from UTSW can be found here, <https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/covid-19/about-virus-and-testing/forecasting-model.html>. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).





“Today we report an additional 285 cases and nine deaths. Also today, our first children in Dallas County ages 12-15 were able to get a COVID vaccine. Among the first was my daughter Madeleine. If there was any question in my or her mother’s mind that the shot was not safe, effective, and in Madeleine’s best interest, we would not have allowed her to get the vaccine.

Every vaccination moves us closer to reaching herd immunity and makes us all safer. Young people, age 12 and up, particularly benefit, as they are more social and have more contact, both at work and outside of school or work, with others. Twenty-one percent of our cases so far this month were in people age 0 to 17. According to the CDC, fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask indoors, outdoors, and no longer need to

maintain a six-foot distance from other people. This is another great piece of news and another strong reason to get your shot as soon as possible.

We'll be vaccinating people 12 and up with Pfizer tomorrow and Saturday at Fair Park, Dallas College Eastfield Campus and Ellis Davis Field House. We'll also be open in Deep Ellum Friday and Saturday and this weekend, there will be many churches that have vaccination events, including Friendship West and First Baptist Church in Dallas. Find a vaccine location near you on the day and the hours that you prefer and get vaccinated. 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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