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Dallas County Reports 189 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 3 Deaths, Including 58 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm June 15, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 189 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 131 confirmed cases and 58 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 261,840 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 43,063 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,099 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 489,000 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 continue weekly at Fair Park and the full operating schedule can be found [here](#).

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40'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 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 woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. She expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.

The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 22 (week ending 6/5/21), was **77**, which is a rate of **2.9** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Over the past 2 weeks, rates of new COVID-19 diagnoses in the city of Sachse has been about 50% higher than county-wide case rates. Rates of new COVID-19 diagnoses in the cities of Addison, Balch Springs, Desoto, Garland and Rowlett have been about 30% higher than county-wide case rates. As of the week ending 6/12/2021, about 53% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 81% of residents age 65 years and older; 62% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 48% of residents 25-39 years of age; 36% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 20% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Coppell and Sunnyvale, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine (*see below*). Ninety three percent of COVID-19 cases diagnosed during recent weeks were in Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 700 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 68 (10%) were hospitalized due to COVID-19, 28 have required ICU admission and 11 have died.

During the months of April and May, 20% of all COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Dallas County were in children under the age of 18 years—the highest proportion in this age group since the beginning of the pandemic. To date, 67 children have been hospitalized with diagnoses of multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS-C), a rare but serious complication associated with COVID-19 infection. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 22 (week ending 6/5/21), **3.7%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2. In

week 22, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (19%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (24%) and RSV (12%). To date, a total of 135 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 106 cases of variant B.1.1.7; nine B.1.429 variants; three B.1.526 variants; twelve P.1 variants; one P.2 variant, and four B.1.617.2 variants. Ten have been hospitalized with 4 requiring intensive care unit admission, and two have died. One fully vaccinated patient subsequently became ill from B.1.1.7 infection and died.

There are currently 13 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,397 residents and 2,478 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,119 have been hospitalized and 800 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Three 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 638 residents and 224 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed 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. The most recent COVID-19 hospitalization data for Dallas County, as reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council, can be found at www.dallascounty.org/covid-19 under “Monitoring Data,” and is updated regularly. This data includes information on the total available ICU beds, suspected and confirmed COVID-19 ER visits in the last 24 hours, confirmed COVID-19 inpatients, and COVID-19 deaths by actual date of death. The most recent forecasting from UTSW can be found [here](#).

Number and Percentage of Residents ≥18 Years who Received at Least 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine by City, Dallas County

As of Week Ending 6/12/21 (MMWR Week 23)			
City	Cumulative Residents ≥ 18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ¹	Population of City ≥ 18 Years of age ²	Percent of Residents ≥ 18 Years Vaccinated With at Least 1 Dose ³
Addison	9,562	13,061	73%
Balch Springs	7,775	16,590	47%
Carrollton	22,853	105,102	N/A
Cedar Hill	19,402	34,268	57%
Cockrell Hill	1,303	2,995	44%
Coppell	25,552	30,387	84%
Dallas	521,462	997,547	52%
DeSoto	22,871	38,930	59%
Duncanville	15,654	28,841	54%
Farmers Branch	19,216	30,624	63%
Garland	104,002	173,595	60%
Glenn Heights	483	8,975	N/A
Grand Prairie	47,488	138,103	N/A
Highland Park	5,243	6,789	77%
Hutchins	1,814	4,423	41%
Irving	114,166	175,226	65%
Lancaster	14,216	26,977	53%
Mesquite	52,904	101,641	52%
Richardson	40,071	90,645	N/A
Rowlett	25,768	47,915	54%
Sachse	8,218	19,007	N/A
Seagoville	5,257	11,828	44%
Sunnyvale	4,052	4,699	86%
University Park	12,213	18,073	68%
Wilmer	1,382	3,178	43%
Countywide Total ⁴	1,103,367	1,940,671	57%

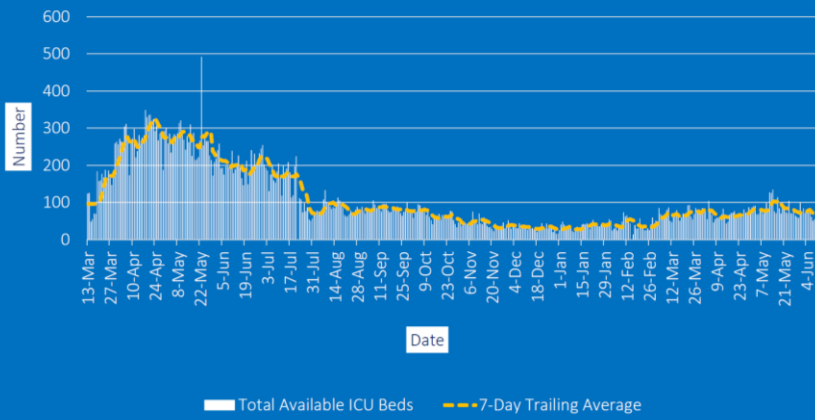
¹Does not include vaccinated persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

²U.S. Census 2019 estimates of populations of city residents 18 years and older, inclusive of portions of cities located outside of Dallas County.

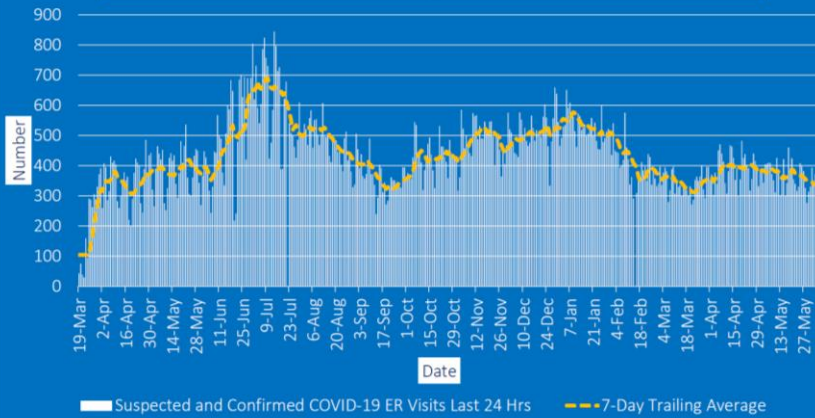
³Not Available (N/A): vaccine coverage not calculated for cities in which >20% of the city population resides outside of Dallas County.

⁴Includes only residents within Dallas County--does not include persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

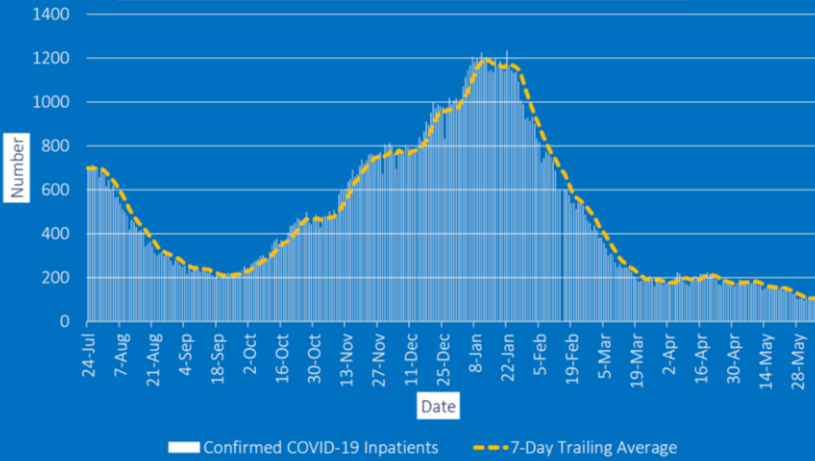
Trend for Total Available ICU Beds in Dallas County, June 14, 2021



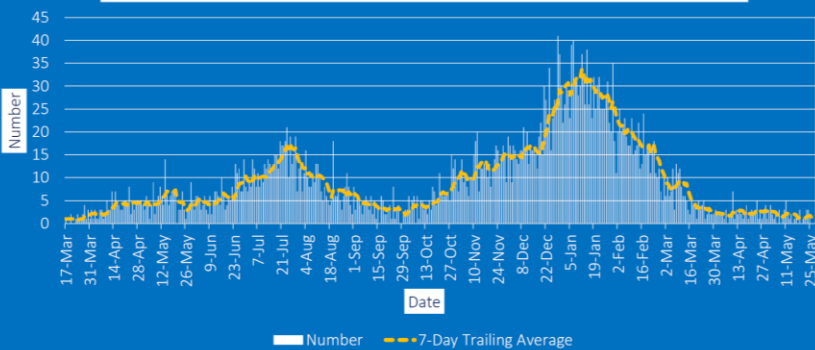
Trend for Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 ER Visits in the Last 24 Hours in Dallas County, June 14, 2021



Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients in Dallas County, June 14, 2021



COVID-19 Deaths by Actual Date of Death and 7-Day Trailing Average in Dallas County, June 15, 2021



“Today we report another 189 cases and three additional deaths from COVID-19. Today marks the somber milestone of 600,000 lives lost in America to this pandemic. The numbers are improving because people are getting vaccinated. But for the unvaccinated, COVID-19 is still one of the biggest, if not the biggest, risk to your life this year. It is a risk that can be almost completely eliminated by accepting the free vaccine that is readily available throughout Dallas County. Today is the hottest day of the year thus far and it will continue to be hot through the summer. This will force more and more people indoors and increase the likelihood of the spread of COVID in unvaccinated groups. Now is the time to protect yourself, your family, and your community from COVID and get vaccinated if you’ve not already done so. Together, by all doing our part, we will end the pandemic,” 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:

- If you’re unvaccinated, avoid close contact outside your home and 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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