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Dallas County Reports 765 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 4 Deaths, Including 89 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 3:00 pm July 26, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 765 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 676 confirmed cases and 89 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 268,112 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 44,807 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,183 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness. Today's press release includes the new case totals accumulated from Friday. Tomorrow's press release will include the numbers of new cases from Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) provided over 497,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which operated January 11 through July 17. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, as of July 25, 73.67% of individuals 65 and older are fully vaccinated in Dallas County.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. He expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. 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 a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. He expired in the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Sunnyvale. He expired at home and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 180 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 144 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; sixteen B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and seventeen P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-one have been hospitalized and three have died. One fully vaccinated patient subsequently became ill from B.1.1.7 infection and died. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 28 (week ending 7/17/21), was **307**, which is a rate of **11.6** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 7/17/2021, about 58% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 84% of residents age 65 years and older; 66% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 52% of residents 25-39 years of age; 42% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 30% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Coppell and Sunnyvale, greater than 87% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. In the cities of Addison and Highland Park, about 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (See below) About 79% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 28 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 1,716 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 124 (7%) were hospitalized and 16 have died due to COVID-19. Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 7/17/21

(CDC week 28), **9.7%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 28, 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 (8.5%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (21%) and RSV (37%).

There are currently 10 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,408 residents and 2,487 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,128 have been hospitalized and 811 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. There have been no outbreaks of COVID-19 in a congregate-living facility (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) reported within the past 30 days. A cumulative total of 640 residents and 225 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 data dashboards and summary reports updated on 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 Vaccinated for COVID-19 by City, Dallas County

As of Week Ending 7/17/21 (MMWR Week 28)					
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age ²	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ¹	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose ³	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁴	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ^{3,4}
Addison	13,061	10,318	79%	7,781	60%
Balch Springs	16,590	8,541	51%	6,273	38%
Carrollton	105,102	24,751	N/A	18,533	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	20,794	61%	16,029	47%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	1,392	46%	1,087	36%
Coppell	30,387	26,734	88%	21,312	70%
Dallas	997,547	561,159	56%	423,547	42%
Desoto	38,930	24,423	63%	18,392	47%
Duncanville	28,841	16,881	59%	12,524	43%
Farmers Branch	30,624	20,709	68%	15,766	51%
Garland	173,595	112,339	65%	85,791	49%
Glenn Heights	8,975	532	N/A	374	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	51,823	N/A	37,521	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	5,404	80%	4,362	64%
Hutchins	4,423	2,122	48%	1,488	33%
Irving	175,226	124,826	71%	92,056	53%
Lancaster	26,977	15,424	57%	11,517	43%
Mesquite	101,641	57,385	56%	43,092	42%
Richardson	90,645	42,321	N/A	33,027	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	27,263	57%	21,390	45%
Sachse	19,007	8,689	N/A	6,840	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	5,776	49%	4,246	36%
Sunnyvale	4,699	4,215	90%	3,419	73%
University Park	18,073	12,647	70%	10,083	56%
Wilmer	3,178	1,550	49%	1,107	35%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	1,188,482	61%	897,915	46%

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

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

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

⁴ Fully vaccinated = persons who have received 2 doses of mRNA vaccines or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

⁵ Includes only residents with Dallas County--does not include persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

“Today we report a one-day total of 765 cases and four additional deaths. Today’s release includes the new case totals accumulated from Friday. Over 1,200 individuals are now hospitalized with COVID-19 in our North Texas region. One month ago, it was just over 300. That’s a 283% increase in hospitalizations over the last 30 days. This is a dramatic increase and is primarily among unvaccinated individuals. We must act now to prevent more hospitalizations and deaths. Please urge your family and friends who are still unvaccinated to get the vaccine as soon as possible,” 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.
- CDC recommends that anyone with any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 get tested, regardless of vaccination status or prior infection.
- If you get tested because you have symptoms or were potentially exposed to the virus, you should stay away from others pending test results and follow the advice of your health care provider or a public health professional.

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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