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Dallas County Reports Three-Day Total of 1,453 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 3 Deaths, Including 157 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 3:00 pm July 27, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 1,453 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 1,296 confirmed cases and 157 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 269,408 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 44,964 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,186 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness. Today's press release includes the number 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. A pop-up vaccination clinic at Fair Park will take place on Saturday, July 31 from 8am-2pm in Lot 13 for Pfizer first and second doses.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A woman in her 30'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 woman in her 60'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 Carrollton. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.

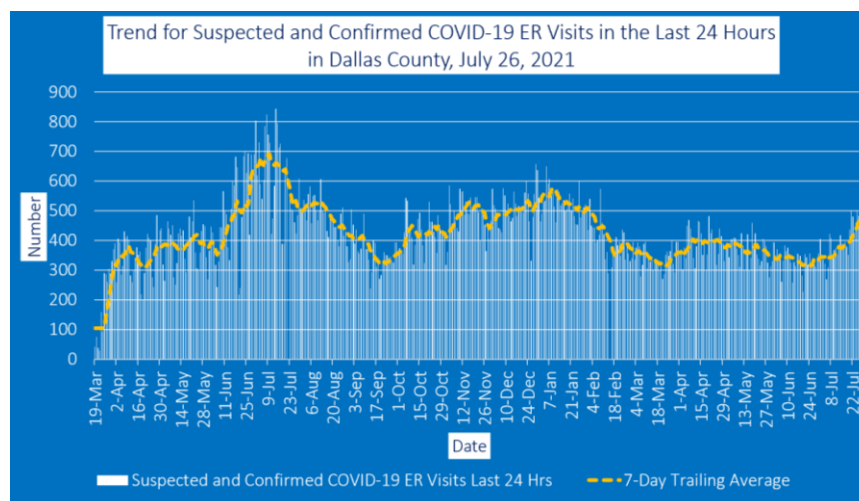
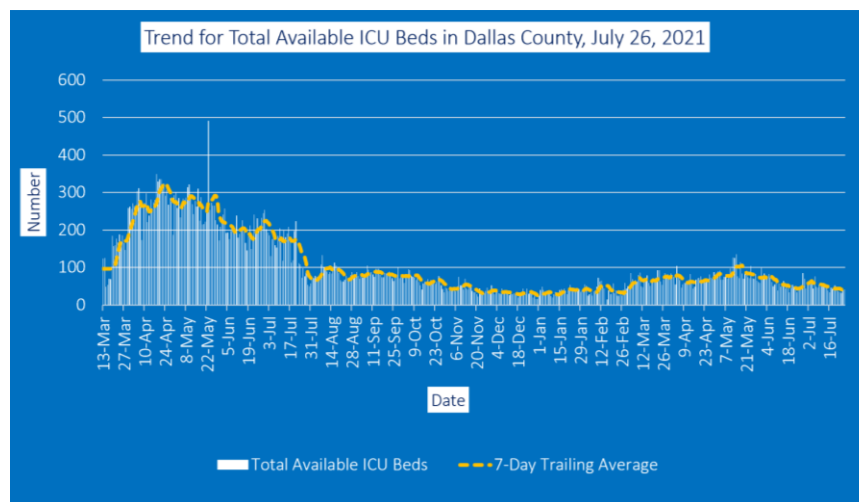
To date, a total of 184 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 144 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; twenty B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and seventeen P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-one have been hospitalized 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.

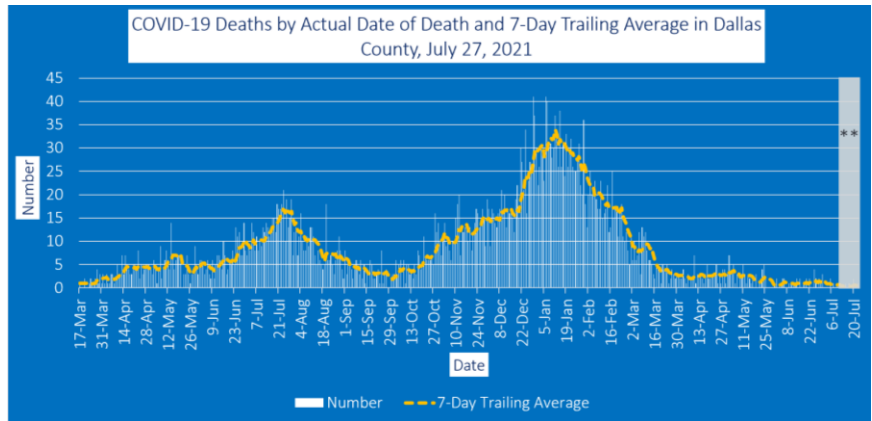
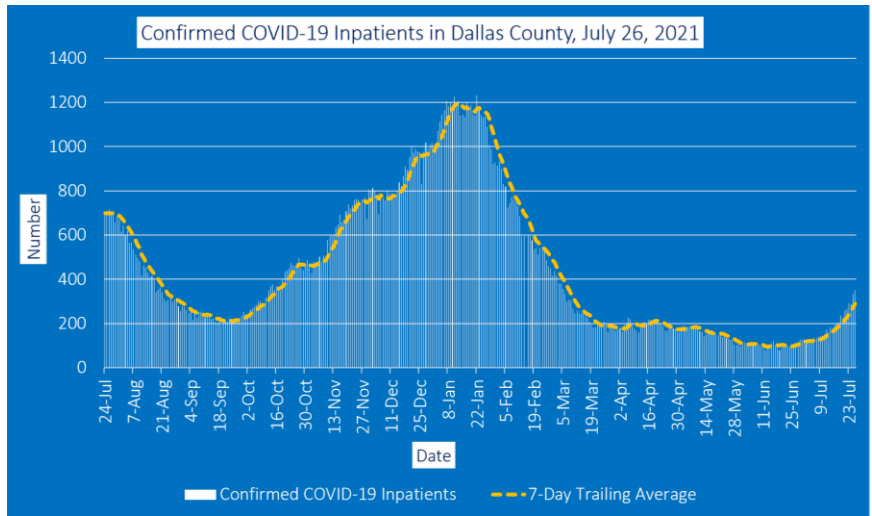
As of the week ending 7/17/2021, about 58% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 84% of residents age 65 years and older; 66% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 52% of residents 25-39 years of age; 42% of residents 18-24 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 20 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,411 residents and 2,497 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,131 have been hospitalized and 813 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. There has been one outbreak 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 641 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%

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.

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

⁵Includes 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 1,453 new cases and three deaths. This is a three-day total. Also, today the CDC instituted a recommendation that in high-spread areas, vaccinated people wear a mask when in indoor settings outside their own home. While this is frustrating news to many, it’s important to remember that the decisions of the CDC are not poll-driven decisions of politicians, but data-driven decisions of scientists who have prepared their entire adult lives to advise us in this moment. I strongly recommend that vaccinated people follow the advice of the CDC and that businesses likewise require masks for their customers. Customers who are unwilling to wear a mask could be served curbside or in some other manner. Trust is important with our employees and our customers and this is a time for us all to come together.

I know there are vaccinated people who are growing frustrated with the unvaccinated but it’s important to remember that the unvaccinated includes everyone under the age of 12 as they are not yet eligible for the vaccine. As a society, it’s important that we do what we can to protect those who can’t yet be vaccinated or those who do not receive full protection from vaccination. This includes children under the age of 12 and immunocompromised loved ones. New information is showing that some people who are vaccinated, but are contracting the Delta variant, are able to spread the virus to others. As a high-risk area per the CDC classifications, everyone regardless of vaccine status is asked to mask in indoor public settings. This is most important for those who have at-risk individuals in the home. It also means that everyone should get vaccinated just as soon as possible. It’s particularly important that children over the age of 12 who are returning to school get vaccinated as soon as possible as well.

Right now, what we’re seeing in our hospitals is that the majority of the beds that are COVID related are people in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. This is also the general age of parents with school-age kids. If there’s a COVID

outbreak at school, and children bring that home to their parents, then we'll have a situation where once again we have a much less than desirable school year. I also ask everyone to cooperate with school districts as they encourage children to wear masks as we return to school. We're all tired of COVID and we're all tired of the fight but we cannot give up now. We must work together to 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:

- 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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