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Dallas County Reports 850 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 7 Deaths, Including 161 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 3:00 pm August 18, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 850 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 689 confirmed cases and 161 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 288,020 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 48,353 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,258 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) provided more than 500,000 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 Saturdays through September 18, from 8am-2pm in Lot 13 for Pfizer first and second doses. According to the Texas Department of State Health Services, as of August 17, 74.80% of individuals 65 and older are fully vaccinated in Dallas County.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Balch Springs. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60'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 60'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 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 woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Balch Springs. She 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 Grand Prairie. 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 the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 198 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 146 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; twenty-nine B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty 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 31 (week ending 8/7/21) was **949**, which is a rate of **36.0** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

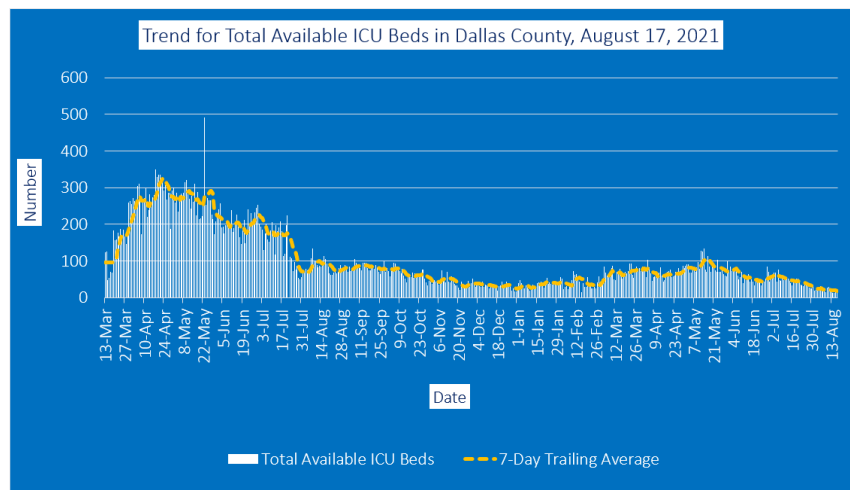
As of the week ending 8/7/2021, about 62% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 86% of residents age 65 years and older; 70% of residents

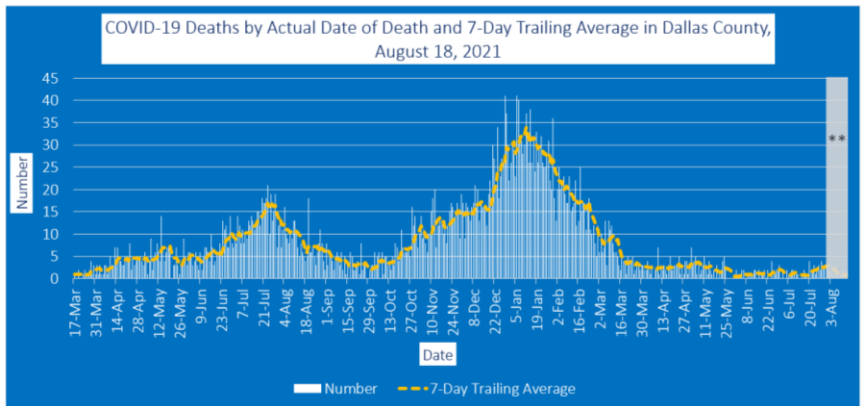
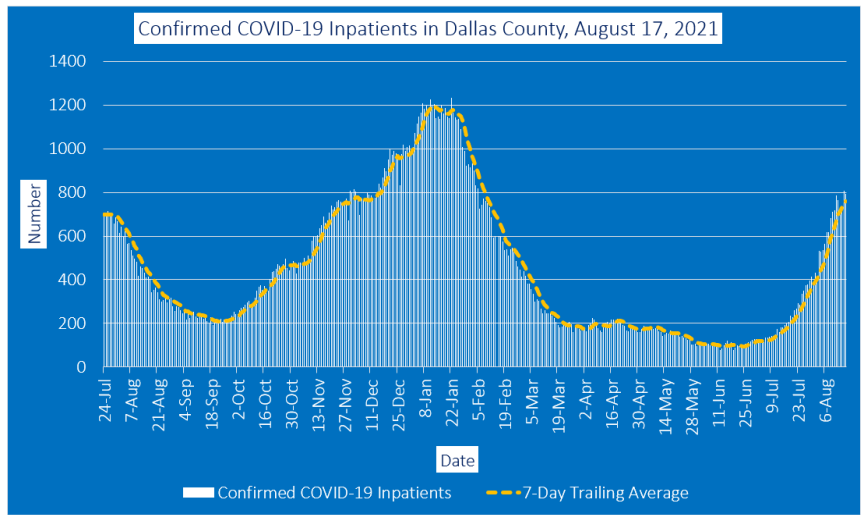
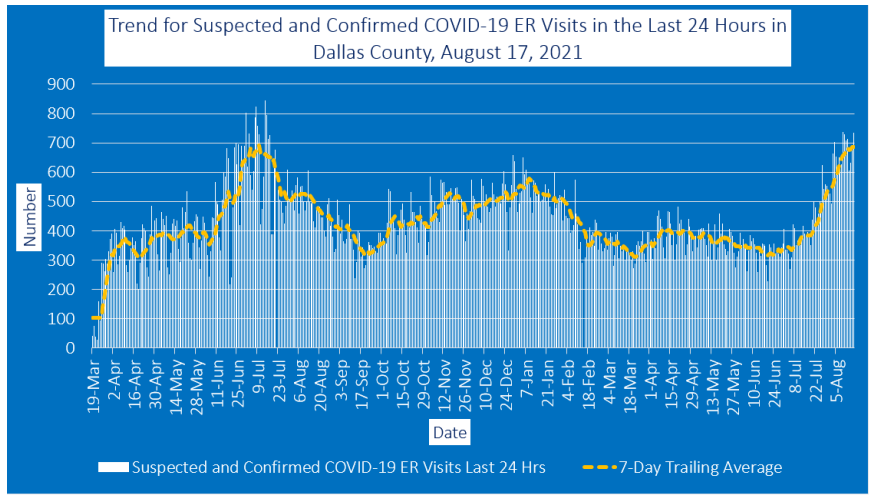
between 40-64 years of age; 57% of residents 25-39 years of age; 47% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 39% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Coppell and Sunnyvale, greater than 88% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. In the cities 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 84% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 31 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 4,345 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 151 (3.5%) were hospitalized and 21 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 8/7/2021 (CDC week 31), **16.9%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 31, 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 (5.4%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (23%) and RSV (30%). There are currently 45 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,430 residents and 2,531 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,134 have been hospitalized and 820 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been eleven 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 658 residents and 230 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](#).





Dallas County Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19 by City: as of Week Ending 8/7/21 (MMWR Week 31)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age ²	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ¹	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 12-17 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁴	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁴	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ^{3,4}
Addison	13,061	383	10,917	84%	218	8,232	63%
Balch Springs	16,590	872	9,456	57%	491	6,810	41%
Carrollton	105,102	1,525	26,251	N/A	938	19,896	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	1,905	22,106	65%	1,214	16,974	50%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	110	1,491	50%	69	1,150	38%
Coppell	30,387	3,263	27,565	91%	2,345	22,198	73%
Dallas	997,547	37,081	597,254	60%	22,386	448,504	45%
Desoto	38,930	1,758	26,122	67%	1,123	19,414	50%
Duncanville	28,841	1,308	18,074	63%	816	13,277	46%
Farmers Branch	30,624	971	21,839	71%	604	16,732	55%
Garland	173,595	9,279	119,874	69%	5,794	91,266	53%
Glenn Heights	8,975	25	542	N/A	7	382	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	4,748	55,669	N/A	3,021	40,111	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	389	5,535	82%	259	4,480	66%
Hutchins	4,423	132	2,301	52%	73	1,680	38%
Irving	175,226	10,369	132,456	76%	6,776	98,636	56%
Lancaster	26,977	1,478	16,763	62%	806	12,409	46%
Mesquite	101,641	5,090	61,741	61%	3,024	46,032	45%
Richardson	90,645	2,898	44,279	N/A	1,902	34,473	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,101	28,829	60%	1,433	22,420	47%
Sachse	19,007	935	9,150	N/A	630	7,160	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	504	6,298	53%	293	4,594	39%
Sunnyvale	4,699	437	4,361	93%	311	3,525	75%
University Park	18,073	1,498	12,978	72%	1,022	10,378	57%
Wilmer	3,178	133	1,727	54%	60	1,191	38%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	89,222	1,264,059	65%	55,633	952,297	49%

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 announce 850 COVID positive cases and 7 additional deaths. The numbers continue to be high. Our hospitals continue to be stressed. With children returning to school, and the lambda variant having arrived in Dallas, it’s important to realize that with increased gatherings, the opportunity to contract COVID increases., And with new variants emerging, it is important that those who have not been vaccinated get vaccinated to protect themselves and others as soon as possible. If you do not get vaccinated, remember that is not a question of if you will get COVID, but, rather, when. And we do not know everything there is to know about the long-term implications of COVID, but what we’re learning about long-haul symptoms in adults in children and other complications is truly frightening. On the other hand, we know that the vaccine is safe and effective and there is no evidence that it will cause any long-term effect, other than saving you from becoming hospitalized with a deadly disease. If your loved one has not been vaccinated, reach out to them in a spirit of respect and tell them your story of what pushed you to get vaccinated. Listen to their concerns and answer their questions as best as you can; or point them to a reputable source to get their answers. And, again, it is imperative that school districts and businesses require masks for us to have our best chance of not overrunning our hospitals and defeating this virus, which has claimed the lives of more than 641,080 Americans and caused economy hardship for so many. We can and will defeat COVID, if we all work together,” 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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