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Dallas County Reports Total of 1,281 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 425 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 3:00 pm September 03, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 1,281 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 856 confirmed cases and 425 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 305,113 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 52,237 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,365 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 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. *Due to the observance of the Labor Day holiday, Dallas County will not be releasing COVID-19 data over the holiday weekend, Saturday, September 4 to Monday, September 6. Reporting will resume on Tuesday, September 7. Tuesday's reporting will include data from Friday, September 3. Wednesday's reporting will include data from Saturday, September 4 through Tuesday, September 7.*

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 man in his 40'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 50's who was a resident of the city of Highland Park. 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 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 Rowlett. 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 Garland. 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 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 man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Irving. 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 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 205 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; thirty-six B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized and four 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 34 (week ending 8/28/21) was **1,159**, which is a rate of **44.0** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

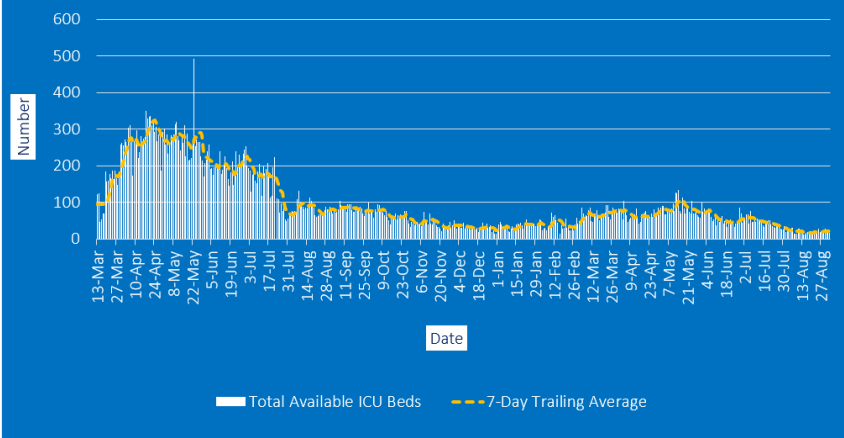
As of the week ending 8/28/2021, about 67% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 87% of residents age 65 years and older; 73% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 62% of residents 25-39 years of age; 52% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 47% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Coppell and Sunnyvale, greater than 90% 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, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (*See below*). About 85% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 34 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 7,254 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 218 (3.0%) were hospitalized and 37 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 8/28/2021 (CDC week 34), **14.4%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 34, 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 (4.2%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (35%) and RSV (16%). There are currently 68 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,499 residents and 2,615 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,146 have been hospitalized and 824 have died. About 19% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

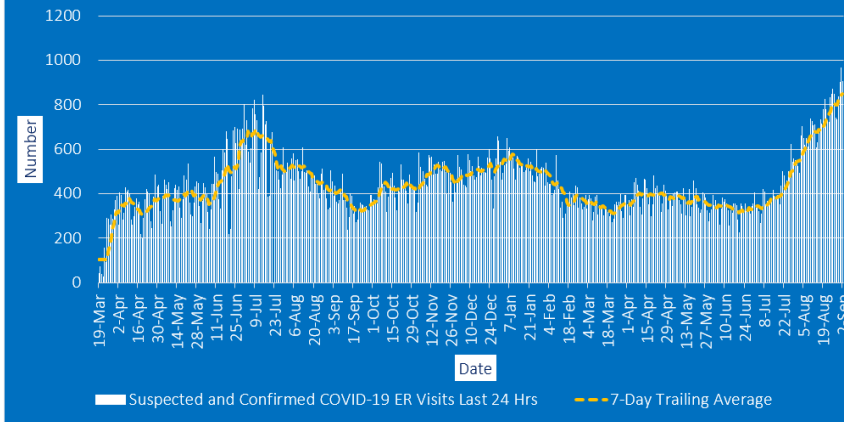
There have been 21 outbreaks of COVID-19 in a congregate-living facility (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) reported within the past 30 days. A cumulative total of 702 residents and 235 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. New 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](#).

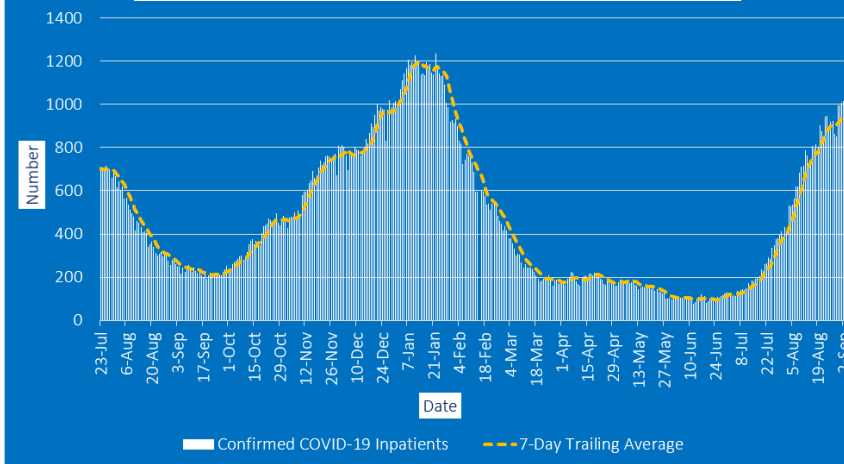
Trend for Total Available ICU Beds in Dallas County, September 2, 2021

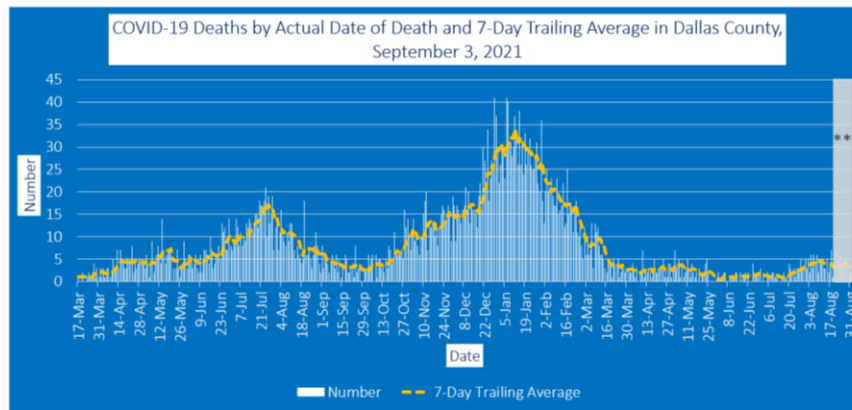


Trend for Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 ER Visits in the Last 24 Hours in Dallas County, September 2, 2021



Confirmed COVID-19 Inpatients in Dallas County, September 2, 2021





Dallas County Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19 by City: as of Week Ending 8/28/21 (MMWR Week 34)							
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	435	11,467	88%	267	8,609	66%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,128	10,318	62%	658	7,383	45%
Carrollton	105,102	1,900	27,800	N/A	1,204	20,938	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,267	23,317	68%	1,516	17,884	52%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	142	1,669	56%	86	1,269	42%
Coppell	30,387	3,518	28,319	93%	2,548	22,754	75%
Dallas	997,547	45,160	634,331	64%	28,627	472,461	47%
Desoto	38,930	2,101	27,535	71%	1,418	20,456	53%
Duncanville	28,841	1,583	19,134	66%	1,067	14,078	49%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,185	23,042	75%	751	17,455	57%
Garland	173,595	10,821	126,780	73%	7,283	96,106	55%
Glenn Heights	8,975	26	554	N/A	8	390	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	5,605	59,361	N/A	3,761	42,619	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	454	5,678	84%	296	4,593	68%
Hutchins	4,423	168	2,398	54%	103	1,796	41%
Irving	175,226	11,978	140,591	80%	8,063	103,639	59%
Lancaster	26,977	1,839	18,085	67%	1,232	13,328	49%
Mesquite	101,641	6,066	65,809	65%	3,914	48,828	48%
Richardson	90,645	3,349	46,191	N/A	2,276	35,774	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,416	30,288	63%	1,741	23,570	49%
Sachse	19,007	1,012	9,566	N/A	743	7,484	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	681	6,840	58%	404	4,909	42%
Sunnyvale	4,699	491	4,520	96%	363	3,642	78%
University Park	18,073	1,757	13,371	74%	1,153	10,617	59%
Wilmer	3,178	179	1,898	60%	96	1,303	41%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	166,364	1,339,372	69%	69,603	1,602,269	52%

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 1281 new cases and 11 deaths, on the day that marks the 18-month anniversary of our first COVID-19 case in Texas. I marked that milestone with some of our healthcare heroes from the COVID ward at Parkland, and took take them lunch and to thank them personally and on behalf of the county for their tremendous service. We also observed a moment of silence for those who died or suffered during this battle with the COVID-19 virus. This Labor Day weekend, please make good choices. Avoid large crowds and wear your mask indoors when around people outside your home. If you haven’t been vaccinated, please get

vaccinated as soon as possible. And if you have been vaccinated, but are around unvaccinated people, please share your story as to why you got vaccinated, listening with respect to their reasons and getting them accurate information about the safe and effective vaccine that can stop them from the certainty of getting COVID if you're unvaccinated. Finally, I wish everyone a very happy Labor Day weekend and encourage everyone to focus on the many things we have to be grateful for. I'm grateful for all of you and the strong spirit of Dallas and North Texas that has been on exhibit ever day in this fight: Team human vs. 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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