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Dallas County Reports a Three-Day Total of 2,292 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 15 Deaths, Including 274 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm September 28, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 2,292 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 2,018 confirmed cases and 274 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 329,013 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 57,530 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,636 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness. Today's press release includes the numbers 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 took place at Fair Park through September 18. DCHHS will make the vaccine available every day the State Fair is open, from 10am-6pm, at a clinic located behind Big Tex between the Tower and Grand buildings.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 30'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 40's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40'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 50'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 Grand Prairie. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50'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 50's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. 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 Grand Prairie. He was found deceased at home and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Coppell. 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 60's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. 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.

A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Irving. She had been hospitalized 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.

A woman in her 80'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.

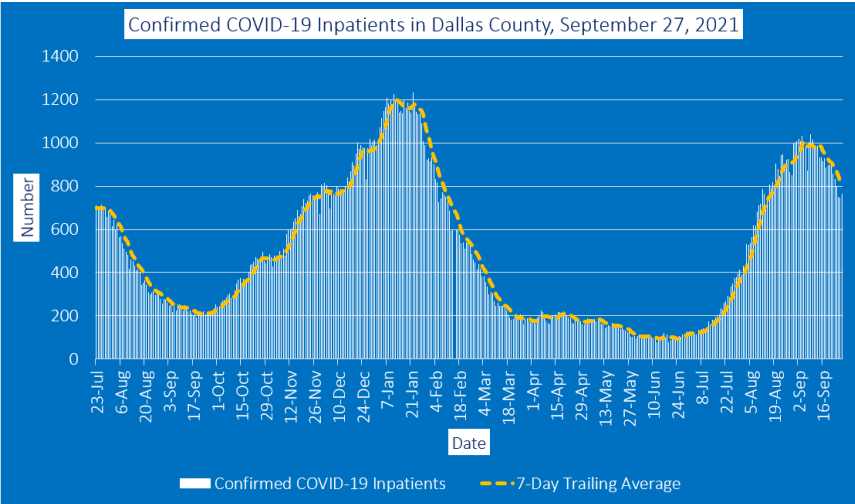
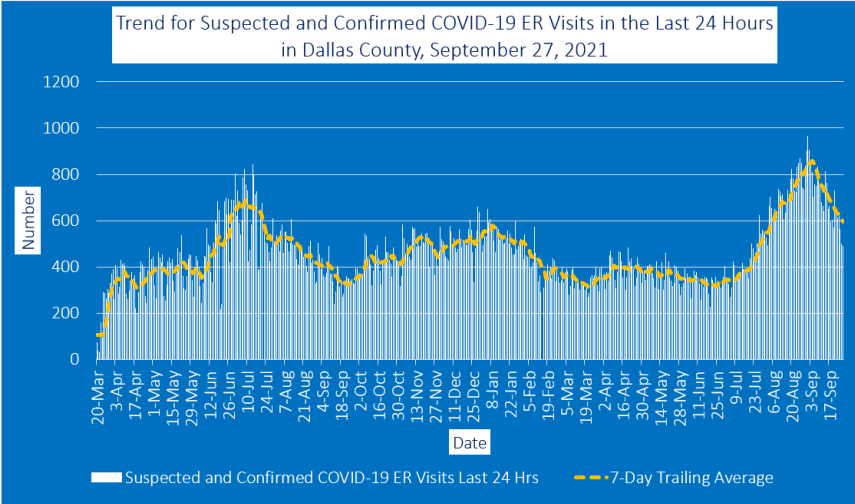
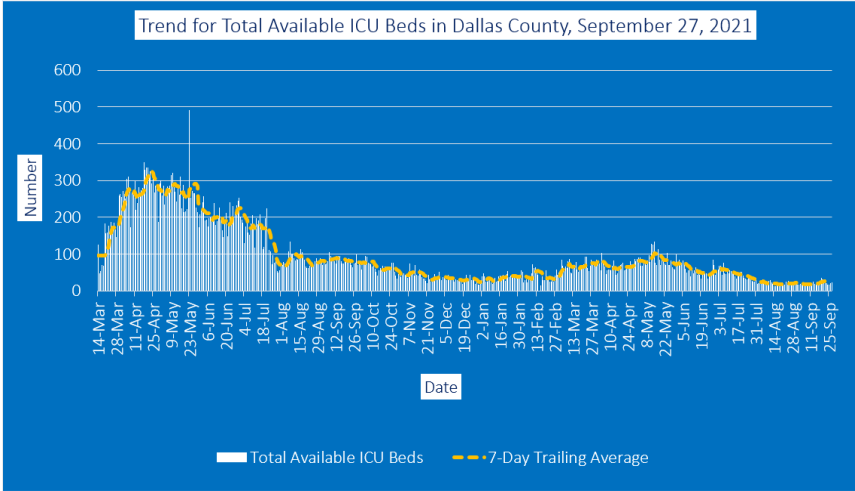
To date, a total of 205 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 146 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; thirty-six B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized 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 37 (week ending 9/18/21) was **934**, which is a rate of **35.4** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

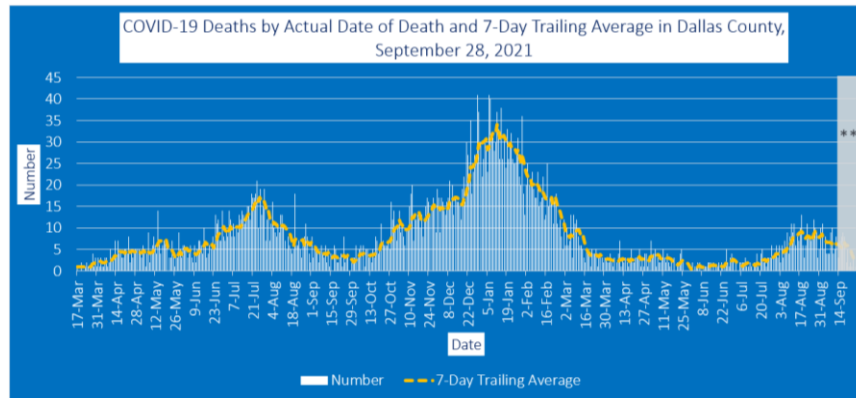
As of the week ending 9/18/2021, about 69% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 89% of residents age 65 years and older; 76% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 65% of residents 25-39 years of age; 55% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 51% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Addison, 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 Highland Park and Irving, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (See below). About 83% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 37 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 8,946 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 403 (4.5%) were hospitalized and 73 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 9/18/2021 (CDC week 37), **13.5%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 37, 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 (1.9%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (33%) and RSV (10%). There are currently 68 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,647 residents and 2,750 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,159 have been hospitalized and 830 have died. About 18% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 15 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 728 residents and 244 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 9/18/21 (MMWR Week 37)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age ¹	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 ²	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	447	11,765	90%	292	8,989	69%
Baich Springs	16,590	1,256	10,967	66%	834	8,115	49%
Carrollton	105,102	2,085	28,757	N/A	1,470	22,071	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,466	24,193	71%	1,786	18,926	55%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	159	1,739	58%	109	1,362	46%
Coppell	30,387	3,611	28,735	95%	2,724	23,237	77%
Dallas	997,547	49,433	658,097	66%	34,603	499,593	50%
Desoto	38,930	2,278	28,565	73%	1,684	21,738	56%
Duncanville	28,841	1,732	19,820	69%	1,256	14,920	52%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,288	23,682	77%	879	18,289	60%
Garland	173,595	11,755	131,489	76%	8,439	101,718	59%
Glenn Heights	8,975	28	566	N/A	10	398	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,177	61,687	N/A	4,433	45,600	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	474	5,755	85%	334	4,710	69%
Hutchins	4,423	188	2,521	57%	129	1,900	43%
Irving	175,226	12,711	145,270	83%	9,180	109,500	63%
Lancaster	26,977	2,030	18,999	70%	1,512	14,404	53%
Mesquite	101,641	6,676	68,627	68%	4,643	51,899	51%
Richardson	90,645	3,492	47,262	N/A	2,545	37,059	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,576	31,141	65%	1,965	24,696	52%
Sachse	19,007	1,050	9,832	N/A	805	7,832	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	784	7,205	61%	548	5,348	45%
Sunnyvale	4,699	504	4,607	98%	411	3,772	80%
University Park	18,073	1,817	13,558	75%	1,274	10,858	60%
Wilmer	3,178	205	2,002	63%	138	1,439	45%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	115,269	1,387,368	72%	82,032	1,058,772	55%

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 have a three-day total of 2,292 COVID positive cases and 15 additional deaths. COVID infections remains very high in Dallas County and throughout North Texas. For this reason it is important that we do all that we can to fight the spread of COVID. If you are unvaccinated, please get your vaccines as soon as possible. A 100 percent of the patients who have died at Parkland hospital from COVID had been unvaccinated. And 97 percent of the hospitalized patients at Parkland have been unvaccinated, strong evidence that vaccine saves lives. For those needing vaccinations, including booster doses, please visit vaccines.gov to find a location near you. Finally, please remember to continue to use your mask when outside your own home and indoor settings, and avoiding large gatherings of people. Now is the time of year to take advantage of patio dining if you’re vaccinated and curbside pickup of food and groceries. It is also prudent to take advantage of delivery options in this period of high spread,” 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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