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Dallas County Reports Total of 791 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 193 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 4:00 pm October 4, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 791 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 598 confirmed cases and 193 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 331,812 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 58,297 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,686 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 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 is providing first, second and booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine every day the Texas State Fair is open, from 10am-6pm. The DCHHS clinic is located behind Big Tex between the Tower and Grand buildings.

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 30's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40'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 Garland. 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 Irving. He was found deceased at home 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60'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 60's who was a resident of the City of Garland. 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 80'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 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 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

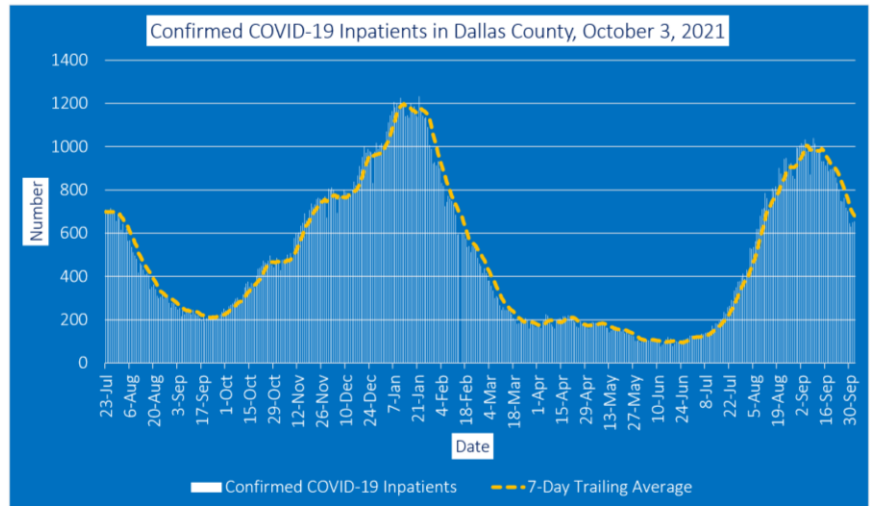
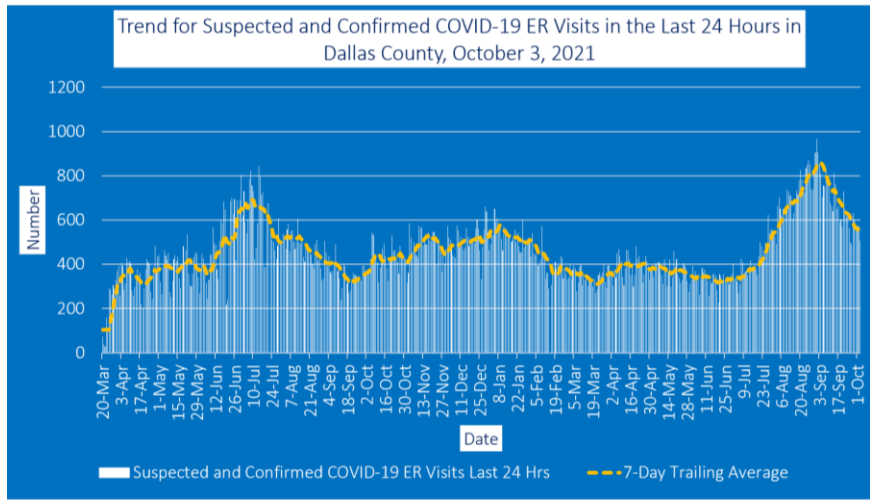
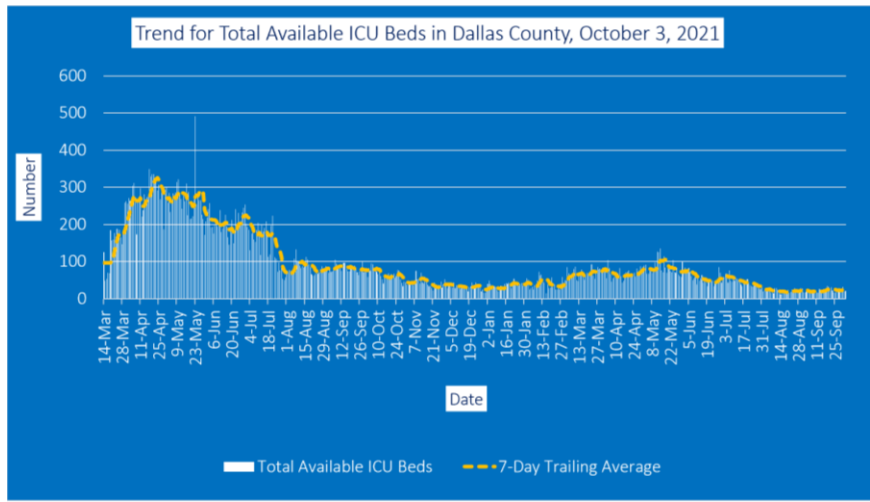
(Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized and four have died. One fully vaccinated patient subsequently became ill from B.1.1.7 infection and died. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 38 (week ending 9/25/21) was **643**, which is a rate of **24.4** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

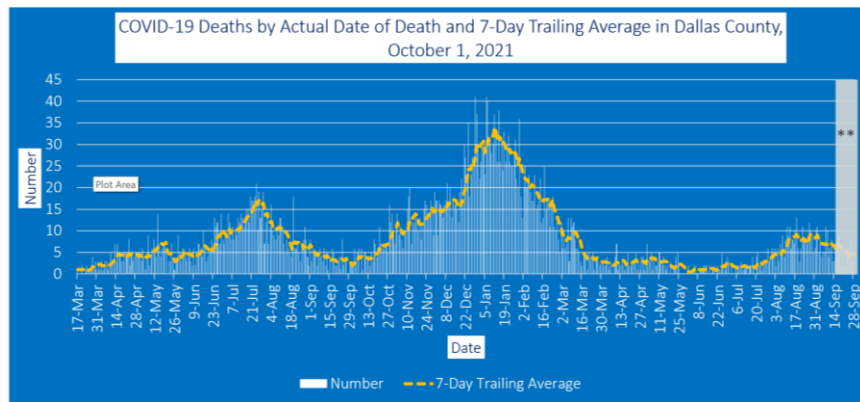
As of the week ending 9/25/2021, about 70% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 89% of residents age 65 years and older; 76% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 66% of residents 25-39 years of age; 56% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 52% 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 88% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 38 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 9,343 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 425 (4.5%) were hospitalized and 83 have died due to COVID-19. Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 9/25/2021 (CDC week 38), **10.5%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 38, 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 (3.2%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (34%) and RSV (12%).

There are currently 69 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,681 residents and 2,796 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,168 have been hospitalized and 832 have died. About 18% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. There have been 8 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 246 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 9/25/21 (MMWR Week 38)							
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 ⁴
Addison	13,061	459	11,848	91%	295	9,088	70%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,294	11,133	67%	874	8,334	50%
Carrollton	105,102	2,124	28,979	N/A	1,526	22,391	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,496	24,403	71%	1,853	19,189	56%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	167	1,759	59%	118	1,386	46%
Coppell	30,387	3,646	28,857	95%	2,740	23,368	77%
Dallas	997,547	50,628	664,033	67%	36,022	507,096	51%
Desoto	38,930	2,324	28,811	74%	1,743	22,078	57%
Duncanville	28,841	1,762	20,015	69%	1,307	15,140	53%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,317	23,897	78%	907	18,532	61%
Garland	173,595	11,915	132,559	76%	8,727	103,201	59%
Glenn Heights	8,975	6,324	567	N/A	10	400	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	480	62,307	N/A	4,594	46,363	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	194	5,788	85%	343	4,734	70%
Hutchins	4,423	12,905	2,496	56%	135	1,923	44%
Irving	175,226	2,068	146,518	84%	9,419	110,980	63%
Lancaster	26,977	6,829	19,183	71%	1,576	14,697	55%
Mesquite	101,641	3,520	69,270	68%	4,836	52,848	52%
Richardson	90,645	2,611	47,520	N/A	2,591	37,396	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	1,061	31,346	65%	2,020	24,988	52%
Sachse	19,007	800	9,880	N/A	819	7,921	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	507	7,293	62%	582	5,471	46%
Sunnyvale	4,699	1,832	4,642	99%	415	3,814	81%
University Park	18,073	209	13,636	75%	1,285	10,926	61%
Wilmer	3,178	6	2,036	64%	144	1,478	47%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	117,550	1,399,309	72%	84,912	1,074,146	55%

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 791 new COVID-19 cases and 11 additional deaths. The numbers have gone down slightly but the numbers remain high. Friday night, my daughter and I had the opportunity to take dinner to the night shift at Parkland hospital. The nurses informed me that although they were down in the number of COVID positive cases in the COVID unit, they had 79 people on Friday who had cleared of COVID but were still on breathing assistance and in critical or intensive care condition from the damage done by COVID. Now is the time to continue our vigilance on masking, social distancing, and having those courageous conversations with family to ensure that those who have not yet been vaccinated get the information they need to make a good choice for themselves, your family, and our community. We can’t do everything but we can all do something and together, if we work as hard as we can, we can 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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