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Dallas County Reports Total of 834 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 22 Deaths, Including 215 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 3:00 pm October 8, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting a total of 834 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 619 confirmed cases and 215 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 335,505 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 59,287 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,752 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 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 man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and did not have underlying high risk 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 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He had been hospitalized and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. She had been critically ill in an area hospital 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Coppell. 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 Desoto. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had did not have 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 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 Mesquite. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.

- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. 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 Grand Prairie. 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 Dallas. She expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. 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 expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. She expired in a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Duncanville. 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 Grand Prairie. He 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 Desoto. He 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.
- 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 39 (week ending 10/2/21) was **571**, which is a rate of **21.7** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 10/2/2021, about 71% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 90% of residents age 65 years and older; 77% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 67% 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 80% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 39 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 9,837 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 456 (4.6%) were hospitalized and 91 have died due to COVID-19.

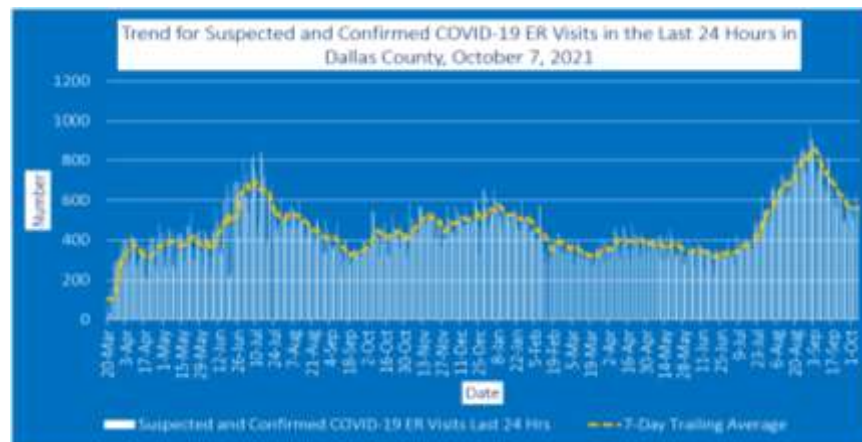
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 10/2/2021 (CDC week 39), **9.9%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 39, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (2.9%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (33%) and RSV (11%).

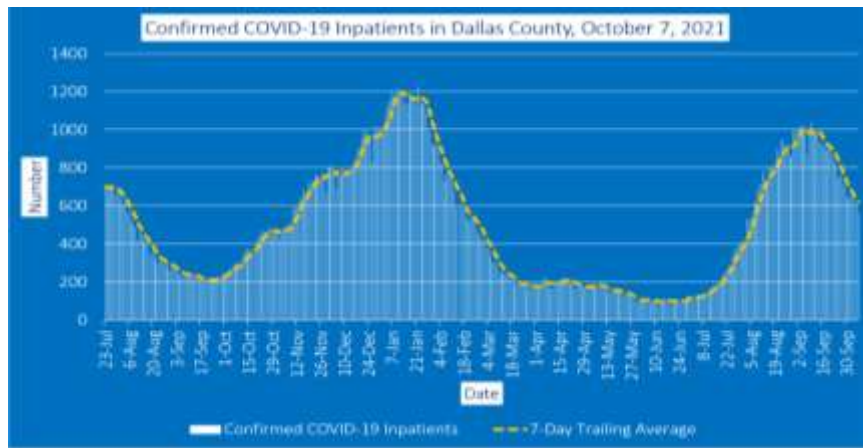
There are currently 66 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,712 residents and 2,822 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,174 have been hospitalized and 833 have died. About 18% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 6 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 730 residents and 252 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 10/2/21 (MMWR Week 39)							
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	467	11,931	91%	300	9,171	70%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,326	11,260	68%	929	8,506	51%
Carrollton	105,102	2,167	29,219	N/A	1,568	22,715	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,530	24,631	72%	1,910	19,463	57%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	168	1,773	59%	123	1,405	47%
Coppell	30,387	3,663	29,027	96%	2,766	23,516	77%
Dallas	997,547	51,698	670,580	67%	37,252	514,841	52%
Desoto	38,930	2,360	29,082	75%	1,801	22,456	58%
Duncanville	28,841	1,795	20,208	70%	1,349	15,374	53%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,347	24,049	79%	942	18,767	61%
Garland	173,595	12,072	133,670	77%	8,956	104,541	60%
Glenn Heights	8,975	10	573	N/A	10	405	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,411	62,927	N/A	4,748	47,129	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	481	5,828	86%	346	4,764	70%
Hutchins	4,423	197	2,511	57%	144	1,945	44%
Irving	175,226	13,069	147,851	84%	9,618	112,467	64%
Lancaster	26,977	2,095	19,387	72%	1,629	15,018	56%
Mesquite	101,641	6,946	69,942	69%	5,019	53,720	53%
Richardson	90,645	3,553	47,831	N/A	2,638	37,778	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,645	31,569	66%	2,060	25,285	53%
Sachse	19,007	1,074	9,954	N/A	833	8,010	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	808	7,372	62%	615	5,586	47%
Sunnyvale	4,699	513	4,679	>99%	417	3,842	82%
University Park	18,073	1,835	13,703	76%	1,294	10,994	61%
Wilmer	3,178	214	2,069	65%	154	1,510	48%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	119,513	1,412,160	73%	87,452	1,089,617	56%

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.

“This weekend as many gather in our city to watch the TX/OU game or host family and friends at home, it’s important to remember that COVID-19 is the real rival. We can all help defeat this virus by doing the things we know will work: getting vaccinated and continue wearing masks. Be the champion our community needs this weekend by doing your part,” 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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