

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE October 11, 2021

# Dallas County Reports a Total of 808 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 22 Deaths, Including 170 Probable Cases

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm October 11, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 808 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 638 confirmed cases and 170 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 336,143 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 59,457 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,774 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 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 the teens who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 20's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- 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 Dallas. He expired in an area hospital ED 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 did not have 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 40'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 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. She 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 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 Mesquite. 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 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 Dallas. She 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 was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Garland. 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 Seagoville. 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 had been hospitalized 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 woman in her 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. She expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80'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 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. He had been hospitalized 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.

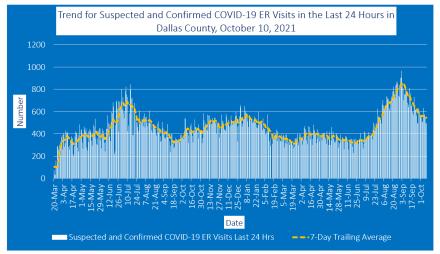
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 10/2/2021 (CDC week 39), **9.9%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 39, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive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

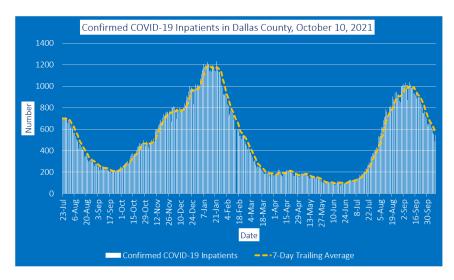
There have been 6 outbreaks of COVID-19 in a congregate-living facility (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) reported within the past 30 days. A cumulative total of 730 residents and 252 staff

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: <a href="https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php">https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus/daily-updates.php</a>.

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 <a href="https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19">www.dallascounty.org/covid-19</a> 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 <a href="https://example.com/here-new/monitoring-new/monito









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"Today we are reporting 808 new cases and 22 deaths. We are continuing to see a small decline in the number of new hospitalizations due to COVID-19. The vast majority of people in the hospital are unvaccinated. The vaccine is one of the most effective tools for preventing illness due to COVID, and it is widely available here in Texas. Please continue to encourage your unvaccinated friends and loved ones to finally take this necessary step to protect themselves and help put an end to this pandemic; here's a resource you could consider for those conversations: <a href="https://utswmed.org/medblog/covid-vaccine-holdouts/">https://utswmed.org/medblog/covid-vaccine-holdouts/</a>," 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: <a href="https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php">https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php</a>

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