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Dallas County Reports a Total of 556 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 19 Deaths, Including 223 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm October 20, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 556 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 333 confirmed cases and 223 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 339,982 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 61,023 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,911 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, and every day the State Fair was open until October 24.

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 30'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 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 Coppell. He 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 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 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 Irving. 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 was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Desoto. 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 Grand Prairie. 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 man in his 70's 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 woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. 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 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 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 man in his 90's who was a resident of 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 40 (week ending 10/9/21) was **487**, which is a rate of **18.5** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

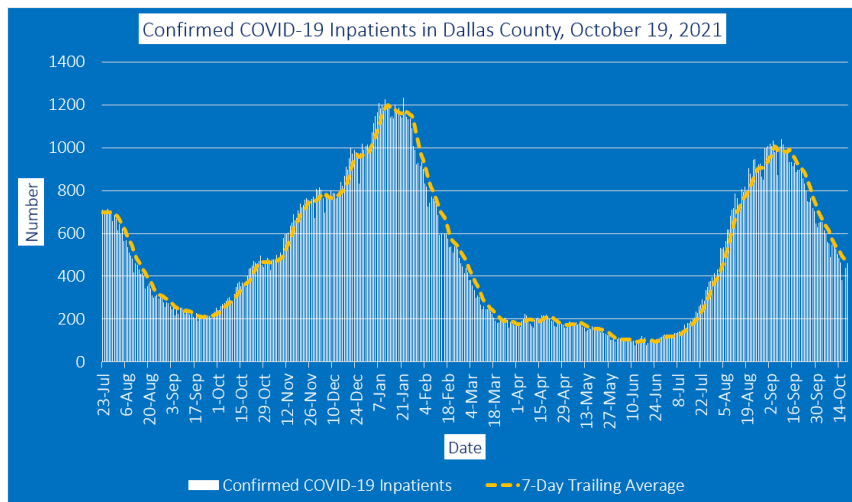
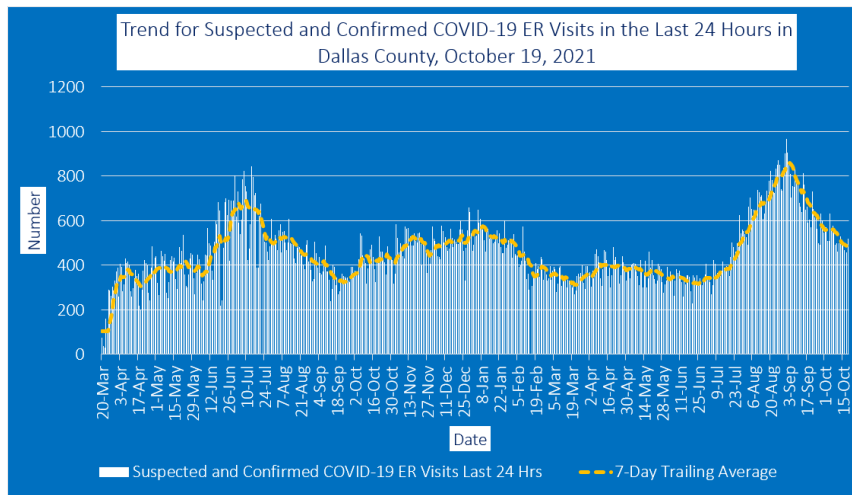
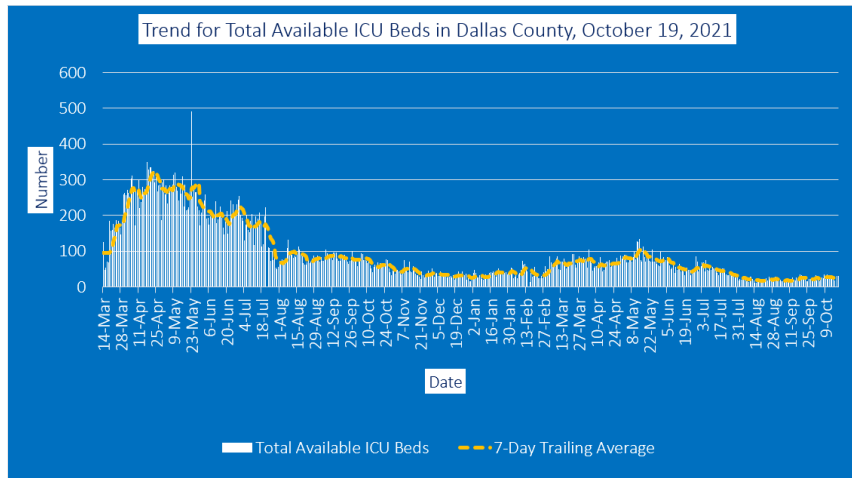
As of the week ending 10/9/2021, about 71% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 90% of residents age 65 years and older; 77% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 67% of residents 25-39 years of age; 57% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 53% 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 79% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 40 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 10,406 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 487 (4.7%) were hospitalized and 109 have died due to COVID-19.

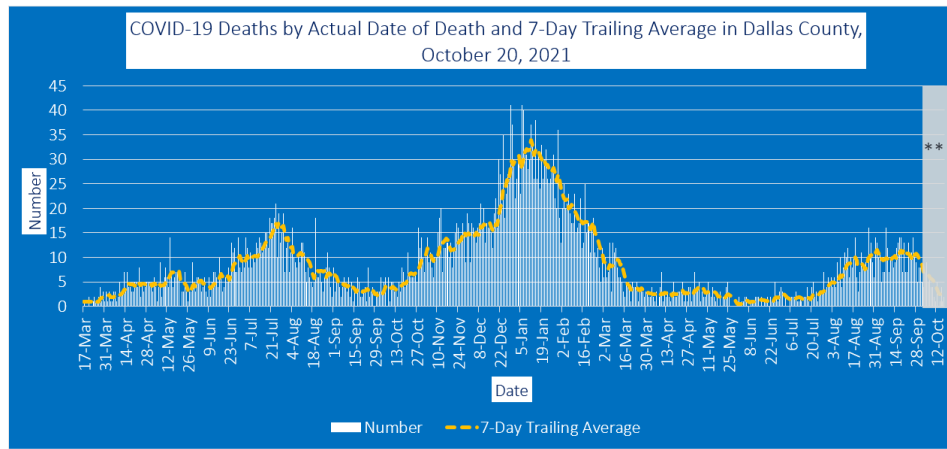
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 10/9/2021 (CDC week 40), **9.1%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 40, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (3.4%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (33%) and RSV (11%). There are currently 58 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,749 residents and 2,827 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,174 have been hospitalized and 837 have died. About 17% 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 732 residents and 253 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 10/9/21 (MMWR Week 40)							
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 ^{1,4}
Addison	13,061	477	12,007	92%	304	9,252	71%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,348	11,374	69%	956	8,686	52%
Carrollton	105,102	2,194	29,421	N/A	1,601	22,977	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,555	24,839	73%	1,960	19,682	57%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	178	1,799	60%	130	1,419	47%
Coppell	30,387	3,684	29,163	96%	2,782	23,648	78%
Dallas	997,547	52,484	676,065	68%	38,241	521,165	52%
Desoto	38,930	2,385	29,329	75%	1,838	22,752	58%
Duncanville	28,841	1,818	20,372	71%	1,386	15,554	54%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,370	24,214	79%	966	18,940	62%
Garland	173,595	12,197	134,553	78%	9,162	105,658	61%
Glenn Heights	8,975	30	576	N/A	11	407	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,553	63,559	N/A	4,886	47,765	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	484	5,852	86%	348	4,791	71%
Hutchins	4,423	201	2,539	57%	149	1,968	45%
Irving	175,226	13,304	149,028	85%	9,838	113,749	65%
Lancaster	26,977	2,127	19,582	73%	1,666	15,261	57%
Mesquite	101,641	7,018	70,468	69%	5,148	54,452	54%
Richardson	90,645	3,580	48,078	N/A	2,676	38,095	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,675	31,759	66%	2,096	25,518	53%
Sachse	19,007	1,078	10,008	N/A	843	8,077	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	817	7,437	63%	630	5,660	48%
Sunnyvale	4,699	521	4,710	>99%	420	3,875	83%
University Park	18,073	1,848	13,759	76%	1,307	11,055	61%
Wilmer	3,178	219	2,102	66%	162	1,536	48%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	121,196	1,423,136	73%	89,539	1,102,357	57%

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.

“The numbers are promising, as we are seeing declines in the number of new cases and hospitalizations. Unfortunately, the number of new shot vaccinations is as low as it's ever been. With the FDA approval of the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson third doses, and corresponding vaccination guidance expected from the CDC tomorrow, it will soon be time for those who got their shots in January and February to come to get their third dose of protection, particularly those who are 65+ or have underlying health conditions. Currently 3.1% of Dallas county residents have received three doses and there are still several thousand residents who are overdue for their second dose. To find your nearest vaccine location, please visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov),” 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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