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**Dallas County Reports a Total of 347 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 85 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm October 28, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 347 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 262 confirmed cases and 85 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 342,283 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 61,813 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,980 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 20'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 30's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40'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 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 Cedar Hill. 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 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. 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 Desoto. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60'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 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 man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Farmers Branch. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.

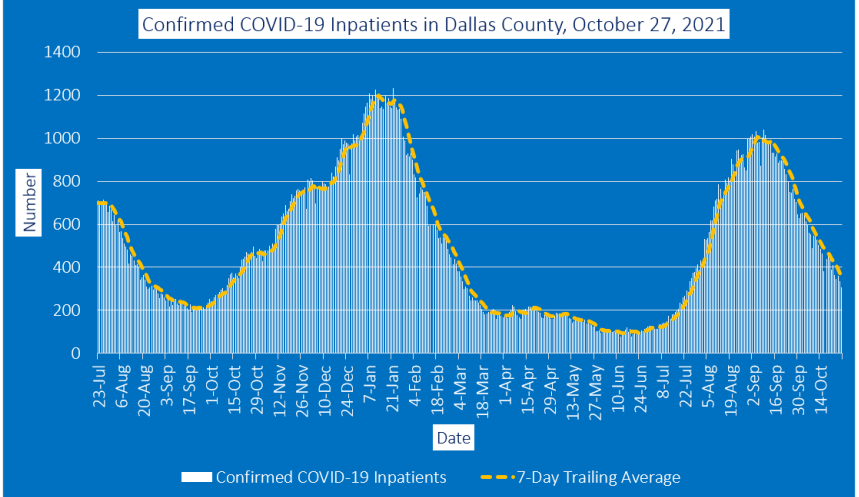
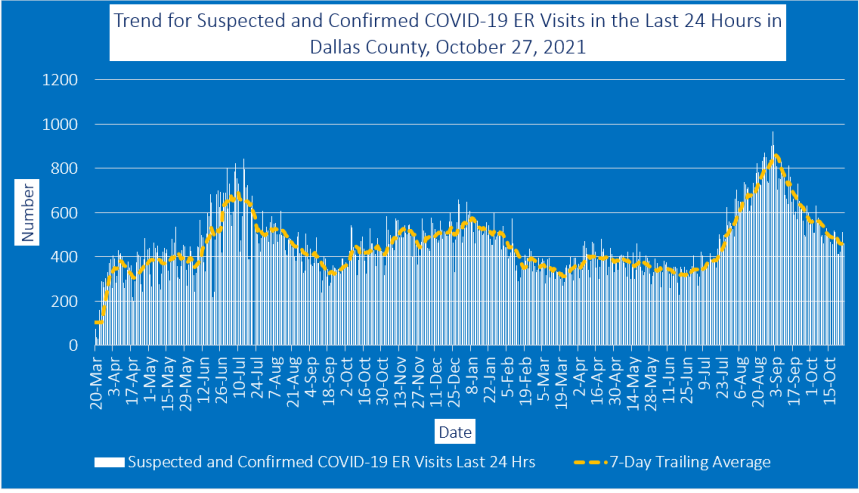
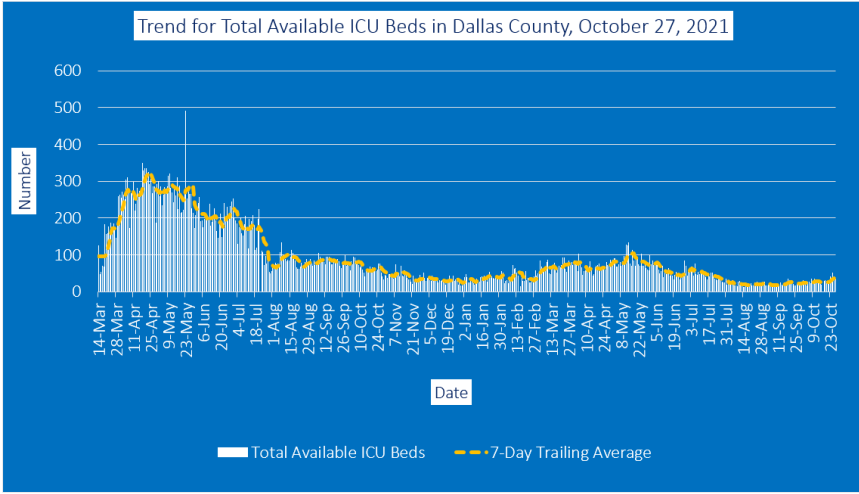
To date, a total of 205 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 146 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; thirty-six B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized 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 41 (week ending 10/16/21) was **360**, which is a rate of **13.7** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

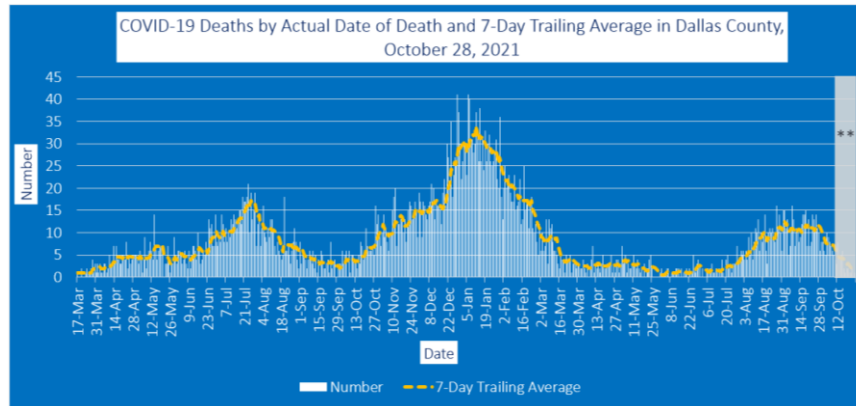
As of the week ending 10/16/2021, about 72% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 91% of residents age 65 years and older; 78% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 68% of residents 25-39 years of age; 58% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 54% 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 Farmers Branch, 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 78% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 41 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 11,300 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 528 (4.7%) were hospitalized and 123 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 10/16/2021 (CDC week 41), **8.1%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 41, 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 (2.6%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (33%) and RSV (10%). There are currently 50 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,778 residents and 2,833 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,174 have been hospitalized and 840 have died. About 17% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 5 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 736 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](http://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 10/16/21 (MMWR Week 41)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>2</sup>	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>2</sup>	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose <sup>3</sup>	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>4</sup>	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>4</sup>	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated <sup>3,4</sup>
Addison	13,061	484	12,087	93%	306	9,323	71%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,368	11,476	69%	987	8,803	53%
Carrollton	105,102	2,217	29,612	N/A	1,626	23,210	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,582	25,041	73%	1,996	19,869	58%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	180	1,803	60%	133	1,429	48%
Coppell	30,387	3,703	29,287	96%	2,814	23,778	78%
Dallas	997,547	53,180	681,630	68%	39,243	526,513	53%
Desoto	38,930	2,401	29,562	76%	1,868	22,985	59%
Duncanville	28,841	1,839	20,507	71%	1,405	15,741	55%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,386	24,384	80%	986	19,112	62%
Garland	173,595	12,299	135,479	78%	9,331	106,661	61%
Glenn Heights	8,975	30	578	N/A	12	407	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,638	64,095	N/A	5,018	48,365	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	487	5,866	86%	357	4,812	71%
Hutchins	4,423	203	2,558	58%	151	1,967	45%
Irving	175,226	13,419	150,113	86%	10,009	114,881	66%
Lancaster	26,977	2,153	19,771	73%	1,704	15,441	57%
Mesquite	101,641	7,110	71,056	70%	5,258	55,087	54%
Richardson	90,645	3,611	48,328	N/A	2,707	38,358	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,693	31,946	67%	2,130	25,709	54%
Sachse	19,007	1,081	10,047	N/A	855	8,127	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	827	7,526	64%	642	5,740	49%
Sunnyvale	4,699	521	4,727	> 99%	424	3,901	83%
University Park	18,073	1,852	13,788	76%	1,320	11,098	61%
Wilmer	3,178	225	2,125	67%	167	1,563	49%
<b>Countywide Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,940,671</b>	<b>122,540</b>	<b>1,433,940</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>91,483</b>	<b>1,113,300</b>	<b>57%</b>

<sup>1</sup>Does not include vaccinated persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Census 2019 estimates of populations of city residents 18 years and older, inclusive of portions of cities located outside of Dallas County.

<sup>3</sup>Not Available (N/A): vaccine coverage not calculated for cities in which >20% of the city population resides outside of Dallas County.

<sup>4</sup>Fully vaccinated = persons who have received 2 doses of mRNA vaccines or 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

<sup>5</sup>Includes only residents with Dallas County--does not include persons who reside in portions of these cities which are not within Dallas County.

“With our numbers going down from the Delta variant surge, it's important to remember that the virus will continue to mutate. And the Delta variant is likely not the last variant of concern we'll see. For those who've had COVID-19, and feel you don't need to be vaccinated, we have seen vaccine immunity to be much stronger than previous infection. To protect yourself and your family, please get vaccinated and let's get our kids vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. We are approaching 5,000 deaths in Dallas County attributable to COVID-19. Each time we have a surge, the deaths rise. Even as the numbers of daily infection has fallen, the number of deaths from people who got sick last month and before continues to be a significant number each day. Let's not let this play out again with the next variant. Let's get vaccinated and make good decisions and together we'll 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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