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**Dallas County Reports a Total of 541 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 8 Deaths, Including 174 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm October 29, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 541 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 367 confirmed cases and 174 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 342,650 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 61,987 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 4,988 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 woman in her 30'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 40'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 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 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 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 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 80's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. She had been hospitalized 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.

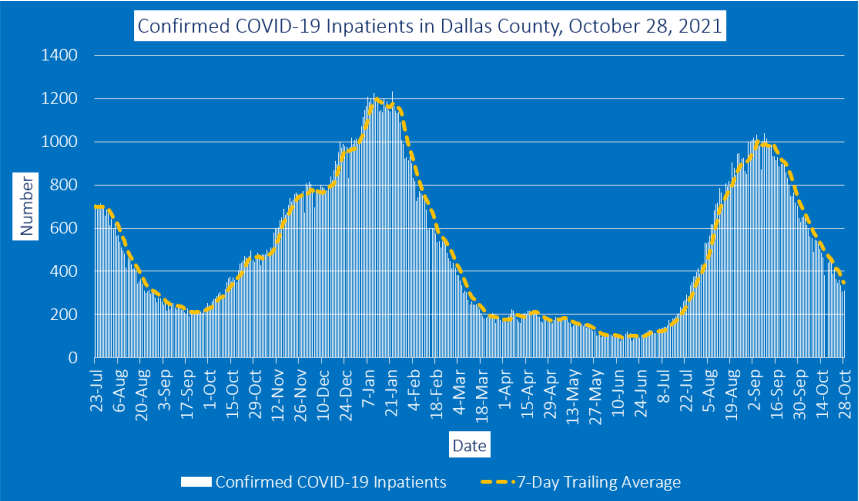
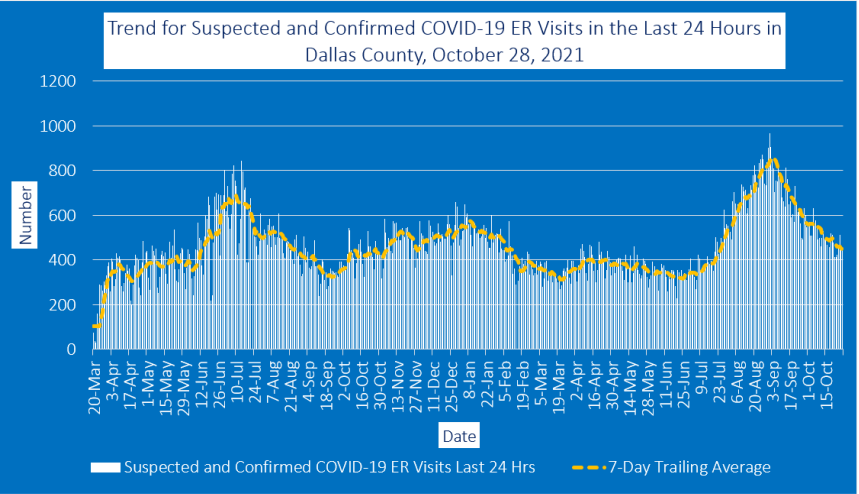
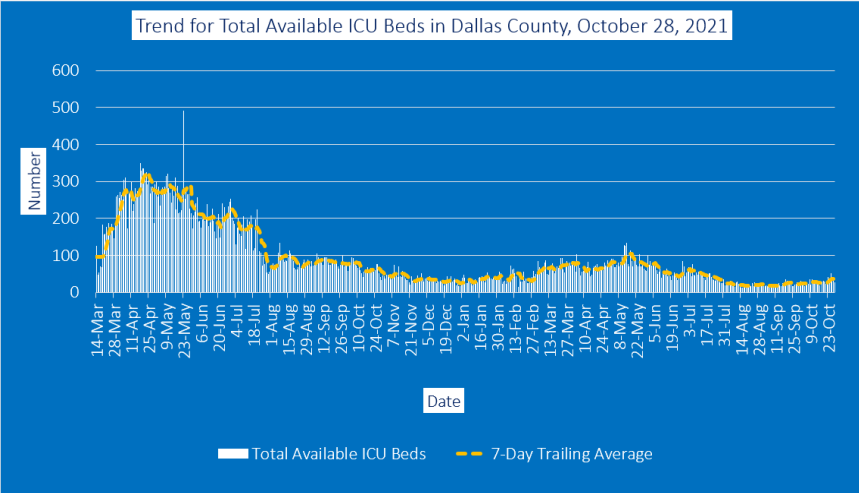
To date, a total of 205 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 146 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; three B.1.351 (Beta) variants; thirty-six B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and twenty P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-three have been hospitalized 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 42 (week ending 10/23/21) was **284**, which is a rate of **10.8** daily new cases per 100,000 residents.

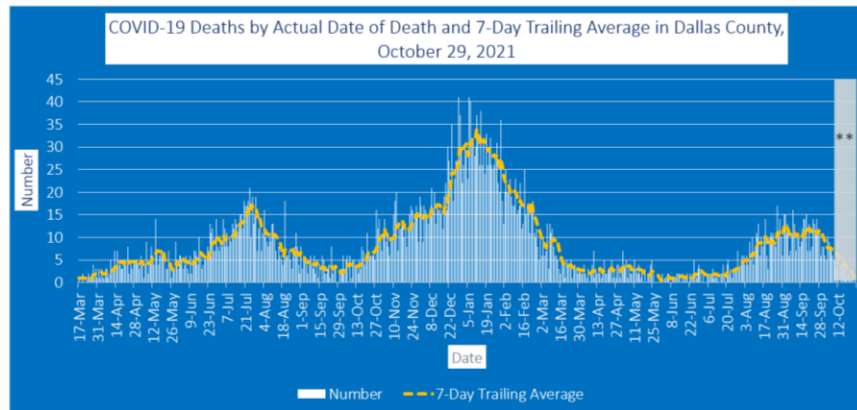
As of the week ending 10/23/2021, about 72% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 91% of residents age 65 years and older; 78% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 68% of residents 25-39 years of age; 58% of residents 18-24 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 76% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 42 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 12,664 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 553 (4.4%) were hospitalized and 134 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 10/23/2021 (CDC week 42), **6.9%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 42, 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 (3.7%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (37%) and RSV (9%). There are currently 38 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,796 residents and 2,848 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,174 have been hospitalized and 842 have died. About 17% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 4 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 740 residents and 255 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 10/23/21 (MMWR Week 42)							
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>1</sup>	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine <sup>1</sup>	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose <sup>2</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	489	12,160	93%	312	9,392	72%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,380	11,592	70%	1,015	8,900	54%
Carrollton	105,102	2,234	29,814	N/A	1,653	23,405	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,599	25,192	74%	2,016	20,054	59%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	185	1,824	61%	135	1,456	49%
Coppell	30,387	3,712	29,408	97%	2,830	23,891	79%
Dallas	997,547	53,619	686,167	69%	39,962	531,685	53%
Desoto	38,930	2,419	29,762	77%	1,890	23,235	60%
Duncanville	28,841	1,850	20,625	72%	1,421	15,913	55%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,413	24,547	80%	1,007	19,260	63%
Garland	173,595	12,378	136,250	79%	9,446	107,551	62%
Glenn Heights	8,975	30	581	N/A	12	408	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,691	64,519	N/A	5,099	48,889	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	487	5,903	87%	357	4,848	71%
Hutchins	4,423	207	2,577	58%	154	1,988	45%
Irving	175,226	13,526	151,156	86%	10,139	115,914	66%
Lancaster	26,977	2,168	19,933	74%	1,725	15,624	58%
Mesquite	101,641	7,163	71,536	70%	5,347	55,618	55%
Richardson	90,645	3,630	48,565	N/A	2,723	38,597	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,705	32,089	67%	2,154	25,866	54%
Sachse	19,007	1,081	10,099	N/A	859	8,183	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	836	7,686	65%	658	5,893	50%
Sunnyvale	4,699	521	4,739	> 99%	429	3,923	84%
University Park	18,073	1,862	13,846	77%	1,327	11,140	62%
Wilmer	3,178	230	2,143	67%	170	1,584	50%
<b>Countywide Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,940,671</b>	<b>123,466</b>	<b>1,443,266</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>92,876</b>	<b>1,123,642</b>	<b>58%</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.

“Today continues a trend of improving numbers. The public health committee met this evening and has moved the threat level from red to orange. You can go to <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/> to get a copy of the most updated guidance in orange. This does not change any orders that are currently in place, but rather broadens activities that can be performed with less risk for certain populations. These are the public health committee’s recommendations as to activities while we are in the state of orange. It’s important to note that we need everyone to continue to make good decisions, have courageous conversations about getting the unvaccinated vaccinated, continue to watch your distance and mask in indoor settings or when you can’t adequately distance at an outdoor event. Last year we saw a bump around Halloween and with the holidays and we want to avoid that this year and continue this good trend,” 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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