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Dallas County Reports a Total of 385 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 13 Deaths, Including 114 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm December 08, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 385 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 271 confirmed cases and 114 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 351,935 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 65,146 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 5,308 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 vaccination clinic is open at the Dallas College Eastfield Campus Location on Tuesdays – Saturdays from 9am-6pm. A weekly pop-up vaccination clinic will take place at Fair Park on Sundays, from 10am – 4pm, starting November 21st, 2021.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 20'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 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 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 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 woman in her 50's who was a resident of the City of Irving. 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 Mesquite. He 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 Dallas. He expired in an area hospital ED and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60'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 60's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. He expired in an area hospital ED 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 expired in hospice 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.

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To date, a total of 363 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern have been identified in residents of Dallas County, including: 151 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variants; four B.1.351 (Beta) variants; 180 B.1.617.2 (Delta) variants; and 21 P.1 (Gamma) variants. Twenty-eight have been hospitalized and five have died. Twenty-five individuals were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant of concern. One fully vaccinated individual was hospitalized. Three have been re-infected with a COVID-19 variant of concern. One fully vaccinated patient subsequently became ill from B.1.1.7 infection and died.

As of 12/3/2021, a total of **1,258** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 47 (week ending 11/27/21), which is a weekly rate of **47.7** new cases per 100,000 residents. As of the week ending 11/27/2021, about 75% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 94% of residents age 65 years and older; 81% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 71% of residents 25-39 years of age; 60% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 56% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Addison, Coppell, Irving, 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, Garland, and Highland Park, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (See below)

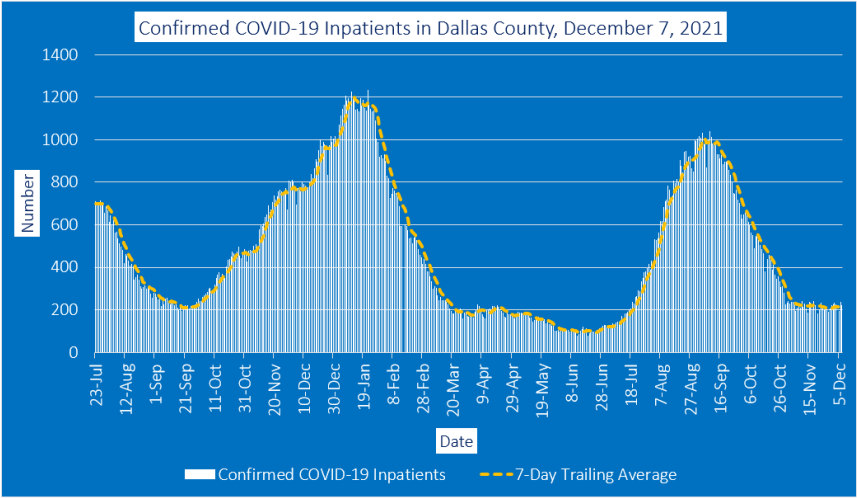
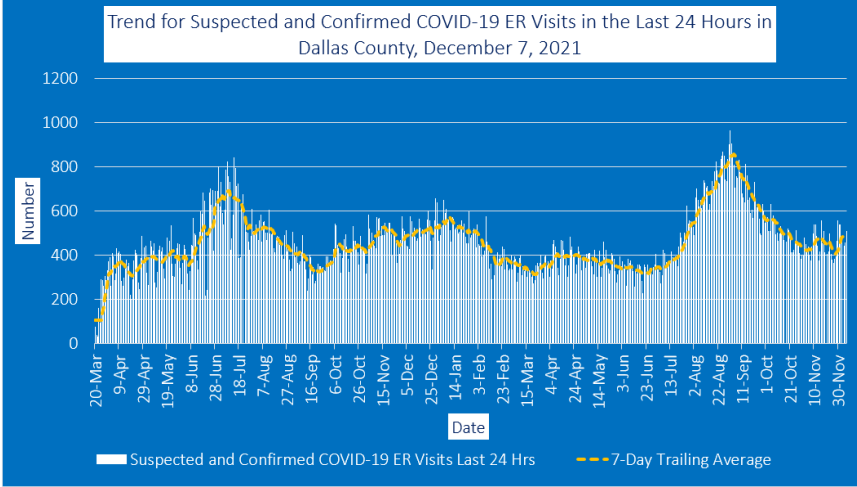
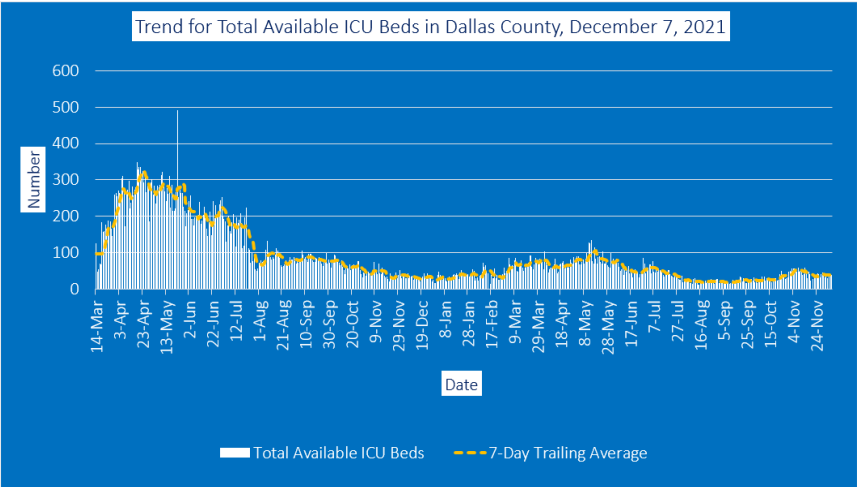
About 72.5% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 47 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 19,307 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 736 (4.0%) were hospitalized and 177 have died due to COVID-19.

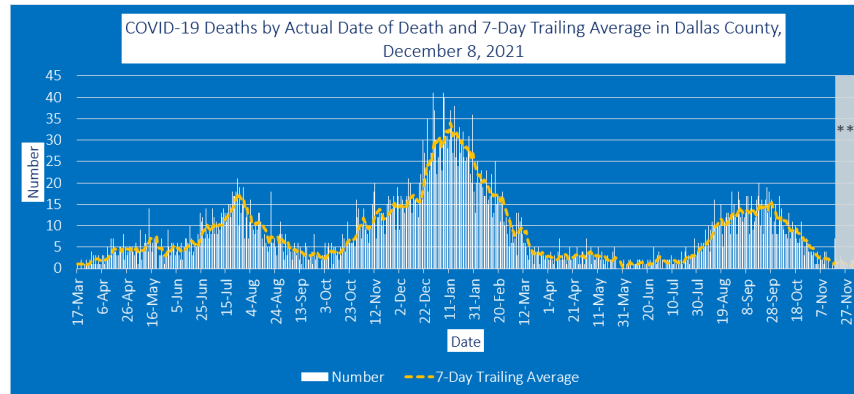
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 11/27/2021 (CDC week 47), **6.0%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 47, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (6.1%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (31.2%) and RSV (7.4%).

There are currently 22 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,878 residents and 2,891 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,198 have been hospitalized and 848 have died. About 16% 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 756 residents and 259 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 11/27/21 (MMWR Week 47)							
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	512	12,694	97%	328	9,766	75%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,446	12,026	73%	1,063	9,347	56%
Carrollton	105,102	2,315	30,981	N/A	1,727	24,404	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,666	26,021	76%	2,099	20,998	61%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	193	1,889	63%	148	1,536	51%
Coppell	30,387	3,771	30,435	< 99%	2,888	24,693	81%
Dallas	997,547	55,966	711,797	71%	42,427	555,578	56%
Desoto	38,930	2,489	30,745	79%	1,973	24,525	63%
Duncanville	28,841	1,918	21,316	74%	1,494	16,717	58%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,474	25,443	83%	1,074	20,011	65%
Garland	173,595	12,796	140,721	81%	9,803	111,988	65%
Glenn Heights	8,975	32	593	N/A	13	419	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	6,983	67,011	N/A	5,346	51,629	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	510	6,049	89%	379	5,024	74%
Hutchins	4,423	217	2,656	60%	166	2,070	47%
Irving	175,226	13,976	156,920	90%	10,595	121,131	69%
Lancaster	26,977	2,242	20,645	77%	1,802	16,417	61%
Mesquite	101,641	7,460	73,954	73%	5,599	58,156	57%
Richardson	90,645	3,719	50,148	N/A	2,815	40,024	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,774	32,989	69%	2,230	26,806	56%
Sachse	19,007	1,119	10,419	N/A	880	8,465	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	873	8,706	74%	704	6,974	59%
Sunnyvale	4,699	529	4,876	< 99%	435	4,045	86%
University Park	18,073	1,932	14,239	79%	1,378	11,529	64%
Wilmer	3,178	234	2,218	70%	180	1,673	53%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	128,198	1,496,063	77%	97,587	1,174,370	61%

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

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

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

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

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

“Today’s numbers are 385 new cases of COVID-19 and 13 deaths. Regardless of what happens with the omicron variant, scientists believe that vaccination and the mitigation strategies of wearing your mask indoors, social distancing, washing your hands, staying home and getting tested when sick are our best defense. It’s very important that people who have not had their booster and got their second shot last winter or spring get their booster soon to have maximum protection against the coronavirus. You may find a location near you at 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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