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**Dallas County Reports a Total of 4,360 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 19 Deaths, Including 594 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm January 20, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 4,360 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 3,766 confirmed cases and 594 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 419,439 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 84,993 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 5,697 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, and on Sundays from 10am – 4pm. A weekly pop-up vaccination clinic will also take place at Fair Park on Sundays, from 10am – 4pm, starting November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40'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 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 did not have 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 Dallas. He 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 Cedar Hill. 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 Dallas. 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 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 70'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 70's who was a resident of the City of Farmers Branch. He 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.
- A woman in her 80'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 80's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80'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 Cedar Hill. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 90'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 90's who was a resident of the City of Garland. He expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 90's who was a resident of the City of Rowlett. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 897 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 161 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 667 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 14 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 19 cases of P.1 (Gamma); 9 cases of B.1.526 (Iota); 4 case of C.37 (Lambda); 2 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 16 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Two hundred cases have been hospitalized and 34 have died. Seventeen COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Two hundred and twenty-five people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant. As of 1/14/2022, a total of **31,213** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 1 (week ending 1/8/22), which is a weekly rate of **1,184.3** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 1/8/2022, about 78% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 97% of residents age 65 years and older; 84% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 75% of residents 25-39 years of age; 64% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 59% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Addison, Coppell, Highland Park, 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 Desoto, Farmers Branch, Garland, Lancaster, and University Park, greater than 80% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. (See below).

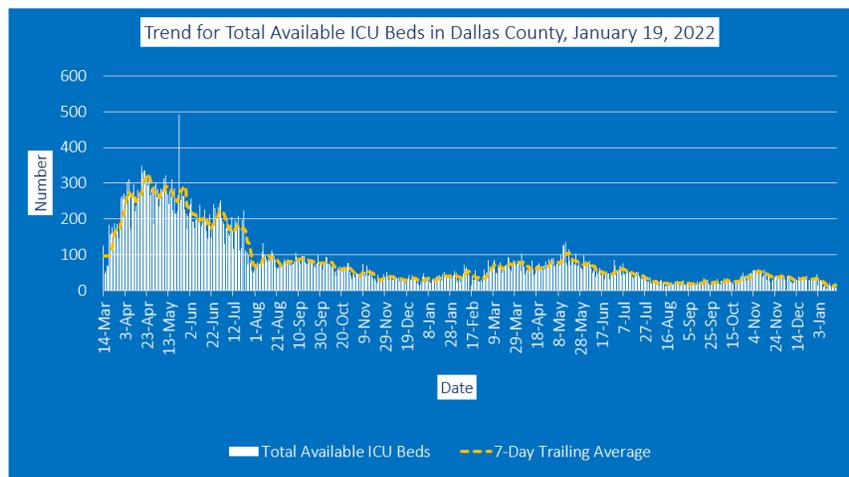
About 54.1 % of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 1 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 25,370 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 1,881 (7.4%) were hospitalized and 239 have died due to COVID-19.

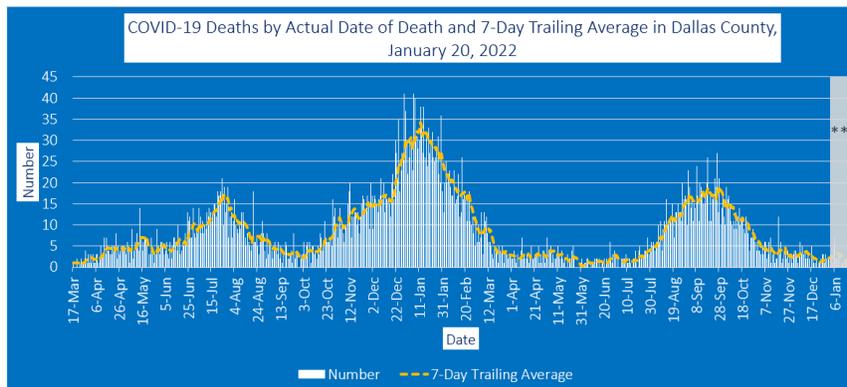
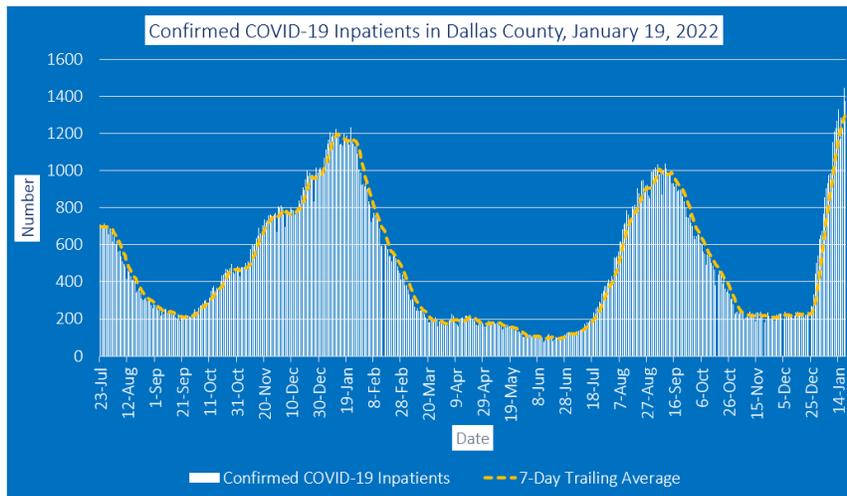
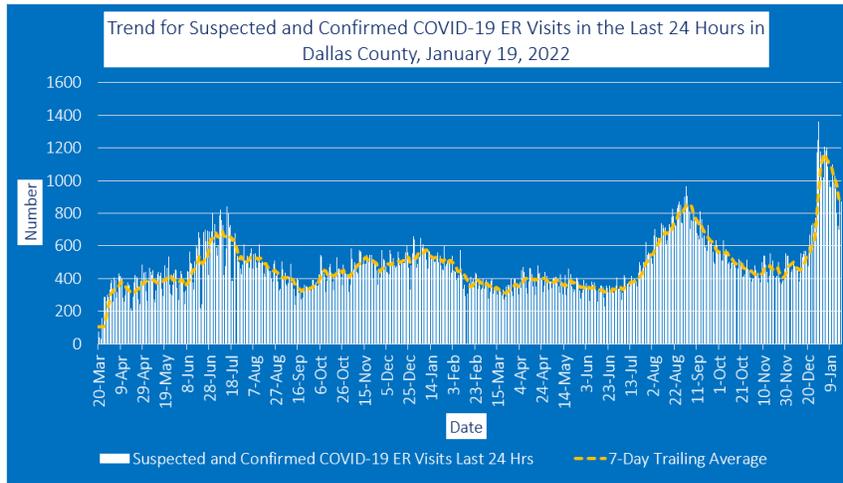
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 1/8/2022 (CDC week 1), **42.1%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 1, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (4.71%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (20.25%) and RSV (9.32%).

There are currently 76 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 5,409 residents and 3,464 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,221 have been hospitalized and 857 have died. About 15% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 11 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 802 residents and 268 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 1/8/2022 (MMWR Week 1)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age <sup>2</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>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>1,4</sup>
Addison	13,061	535	13,313	< 99%	336	10,118	78%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,520	12,568	76%	1,117	9,768	59%
Carrollton	105,102	2,406	32,312	N/A	1,787	25,421	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,796	27,006	79%	2,173	21,863	64%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	201	1,972	66%	151	1,590	53%
Coppell	30,387	3,879	31,840	< 99%	2,984	25,676	85%
Dallas	997,547	58,404	742,308	74%	44,134	578,349	58%
Desoto	38,930	2,608	31,851	82%	2,032	25,631	66%
Duncanville	28,841	2,025	22,106	77%	1,545	17,506	61%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,529	26,609	87%	1,123	20,796	68%
Garland	173,595	13,417	146,377	84%	10,179	116,473	67%
Glenn Heights	8,975	33	625	N/A	14	424	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	7,336	70,186	N/A	5,576	54,305	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	523	6,230	92%	404	5,196	77%
Hutchins	4,423	227	2,746	62%	174	2,148	49%
Irving	175,226	14,460	164,721	94%	10,973	126,558	72%
Lancaster	26,977	2,345	21,511	80%	1,849	17,190	64%
Mesquite	101,641	7,876	77,068	76%	5,864	60,706	60%
Richardson	90,645	3,860	52,107	N/A	2,903	41,451	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,881	34,087	71%	2,296	27,743	58%
Sachse	19,007	1,147	10,818	N/A	913	8,772	N/A
Seagoville	11,828	916	9,023	76%	731	7,258	61%
Sunnyvale	4,699	553	5,036	< 99%	451	4,187	89%
University Park	18,073	2,001	14,748	82%	1,455	11,989	66%
Wilmer	3,178	251	2,310	73%	193	1,743	55%
<b>Countywide Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,940,671</b>	<b>133,783</b>	<b>1,560,057</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>101,396</b>	<b>1,223,312</b>	<b>63%</b>

“Today’s numbers are 4,360 new cases and 19 deaths. We've surpassed 500,000 cases here in Dallas County and the amount of community spread of COVID is at an all-time high. It is important that in order to protect yourself from becoming hospitalized or suffering the most serious complications, including death from COVID, it's important to be vaccinated and keep up on your boosters. You can find a vaccine near you at [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov). At this time of high spread, it's incredibly important that we wear a mask and that we wear the masks that are most effective masks, which see N-95 or K-95, but even if you cannot find those, a way to improve on the surgical mask is to wear a cloth mask over your surgical mask. Cloth masks are found to be the least effective against the Omicron variant. Surgical masks are found to be more effective. And again, a cloth mask over a surgical mask is the most effective if you cannot find a KN95 or N95 mask. Maintaining your distance when outdoor exercising is also very important. Finally, knowing your status is important through either a home test or visiting a testing site. You can find a map to our locations by clicking here:

<https://dall1229.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=8e4d2ac72c9f4abda89397e7f267e647>

This does not include all locations in Dallas county as CVS, Walgreens and other vendors are also doing testing. Almost all testing currently requires an appointment, but appointments are easy to come by using the link above. Don't let Omicron ruin the start of your year. Stay safe, stay strong, and have fun, but be wise in your decisions,” 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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