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Dallas County Reports a Total of 4,133 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 15 Deaths, Including 1,836 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm January 12, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 4,133 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 2,297 confirmed cases and 1,836 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 395,804 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 78,875 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 5,636 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 Rowlett. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 20'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 Grand Prairie. 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 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 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 Desoto. 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 Mesquite. He expired at a facility 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 70'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 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 a long-term care facility in 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 Grand Prairie. He expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.

- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80'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 90'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.

To date, a total of 850 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 156 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 627 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 13 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); 1 case of B.1.621 (Mu); 16 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). One hundred and eighty-seven cases have been hospitalized and 21 have died. Seventeen COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Two hundred and sixteen people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant. As of 1/7/2022, a total of **15,907** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 52 (week ending 1/1/22), which is a weekly rate of **603.6** new cases per 100,000 residents.

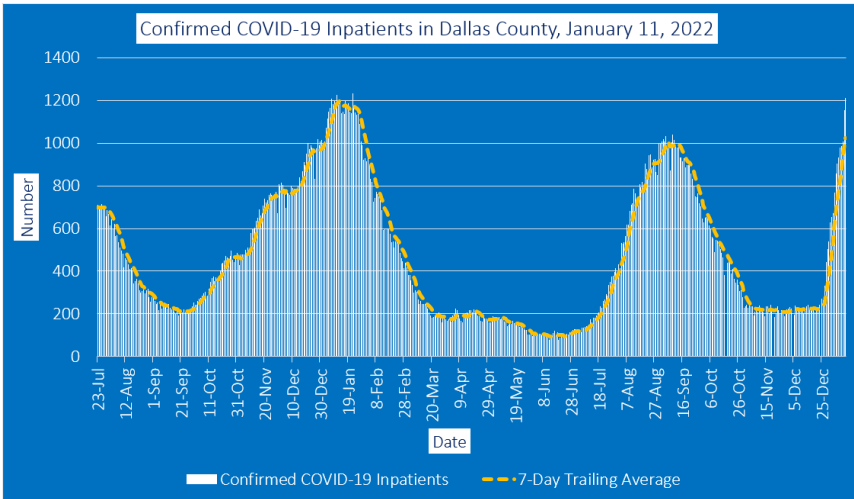
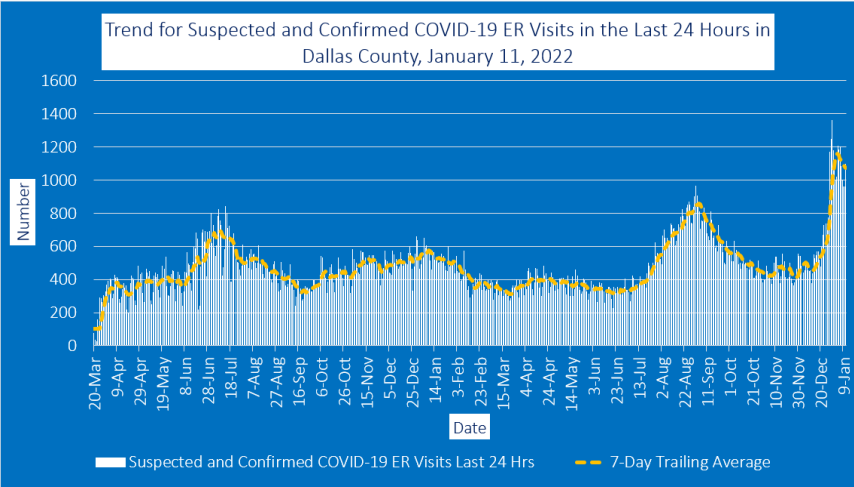
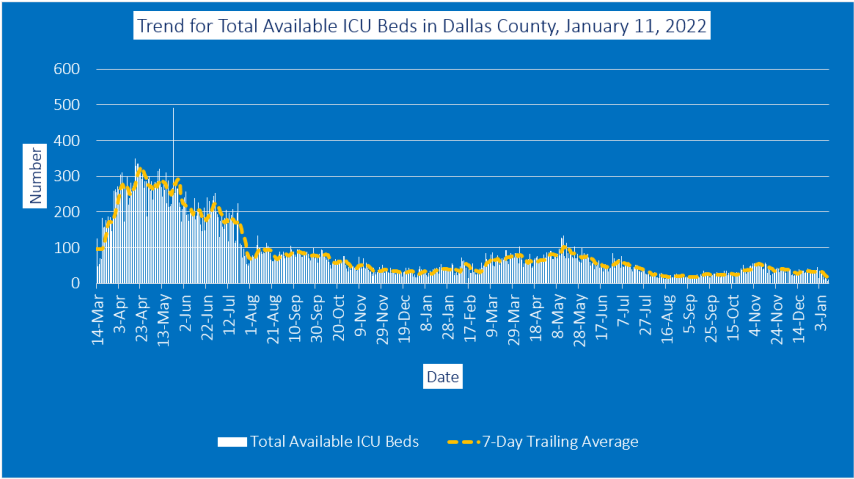
As of the week ending 1/1/2022, about 77% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 96% of residents age 65 years and older; 83% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 74% of residents 25-39 years of age; 63% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 58% 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 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).

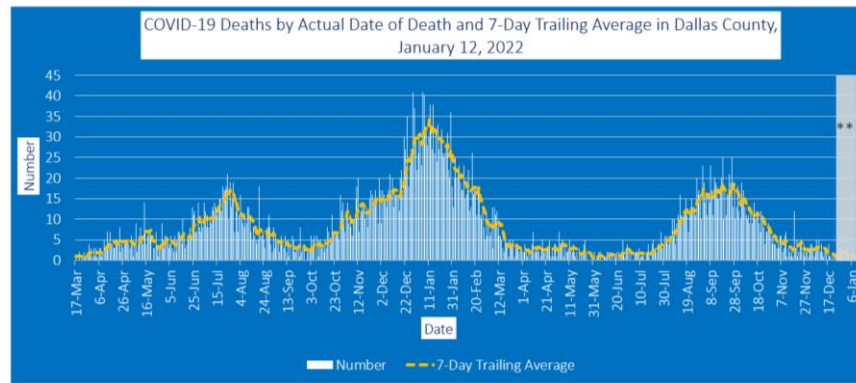
About 61.5% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 52 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 23,950 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 803 (3.4%) were hospitalized and 230 have died due to COVID-19. Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 1/1/2022 (CDC week 52), **41.7%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 52, 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 (7.63%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (21.99%) and RSV (7.53%).

There are currently 53 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 5,062 residents and 3,124 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,203 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 7 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 789 residents and 264 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 1/1/2022 (MMWR Week 52)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age ²	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ³	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ⁴	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose ³	Cumulative Residents 12-17 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁵	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁶	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ^{2,4}
Addison	13,061	532	13,198	< 99%	333	10,074	77%
Balch Springs	16,590	1,499	12,470	75%	1,111	9,709	59%
Carrollton	105,102	2,381	32,036	N/A	1,774	25,256	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	2,762	26,815	78%	2,153	21,712	63%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	201	1,964	66%	151	1,580	53%
Coppell	30,387	3,849	31,597	< 99%	2,945	25,512	84%
Dallas	997,547	57,620	736,753	74%	43,739	574,595	58%
Desoto	38,930	2,576	31,647	81%	2,015	25,455	65%
Duncanville	28,841	1,995	21,992	76%	1,526	17,363	60%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,516	26,413	86%	1,094	20,669	68%
Garland	173,595	13,193	145,239	84%	10,088	115,670	67%
Glenn Heights	8,975	33	615	N/A	14	422	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	7,251	69,504	N/A	5,526	53,846	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	518	6,221	92%	9,168	5,174	76%
Hutchins	4,423	224	2,725	62%	5,718	2,138	48%
Irving	175,226	14,337	163,191	93%	10,866	125,676	72%
Lancaster	26,977	2,297	21,293	79%	1,840	17,016	63%
Mesquite	101,641	7,754	76,412	75%	5,812	60,249	59%
Richardson	90,645	3,822	51,726	N/A	2,872	41,230	46%
Rowlett	47,915	2,852	33,906	71%	2,281	27,586	58%
Sachse	19,007	1,138	10,727	N/A	910	8,726	46%
Seagoville	11,828	904	8,947	76%	728	7,192	61%
Sunnyvale	4,699	548	5,014	< 99%	442	4,162	89%
University Park	18,073	1,988	14,702	81%	1,435	11,941	66%
Wilmer	3,178	246	2,290	72%	190	1,730	54%
Countywide Total⁵	1,940,671	132,091	1,547,973	80%	100,488	1,215,133	63%

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 4,133 new cases and 15 deaths. With the Omicron variant still dramatically increasing in numbers and expected to peak in the next week-and-a-half to three weeks, now's the time to keep our resolve to doing the things that are proven to increase our chances of staying safe and of keeping ourselves, our family, and our community safe; These include limiting attendance at crowded indoor events and using options like curbside pickup and delivery. If there's a way to have meetings by telephone or zoom, it's advisable, as is working from home to the fullest extent possible, from now until an established decline in Omicron cases. Knowing your status through testing is increasingly important. And I encourage everyone to get at home-test if they can find them or utilize our testing centers that we continue to open to keep up with demand throughout Dallas county. You can find all the centers here: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/testing-locations.php>. Today we opened a testing center at Fair Park and tomorrow a testing site will be opened at Mesquite ISD

Memorial Stadium. For details and appointment links, visit: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/testing-locations.php>. It's never too late to get vaccinated. And those who have not been boosted need to do so as soon as possible. Unfortunately, Omicron will not be the last of COVID that we have to face and getting protection now from this wave through the vaccine is the best way to protect yourself against the next wave as well," 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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