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Dallas County Reports a Total of 1,696 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 402 Probable Cases

DALLAS – As of 12:00 pm January 18, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 1,696 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 1,294 confirmed cases and 402 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 407,899 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 82,792 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 5,669 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness. Today's press release includes the new case totals accumulated from Friday. Tomorrow's press release will include the numbers of new cases from Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

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 Mesquite. 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 Mesquite. She 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 Garland. 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 Garland. 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 Desoto. 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 Garland. She 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 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 Desoto. He 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 Garland. He 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 expired in hospice 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.

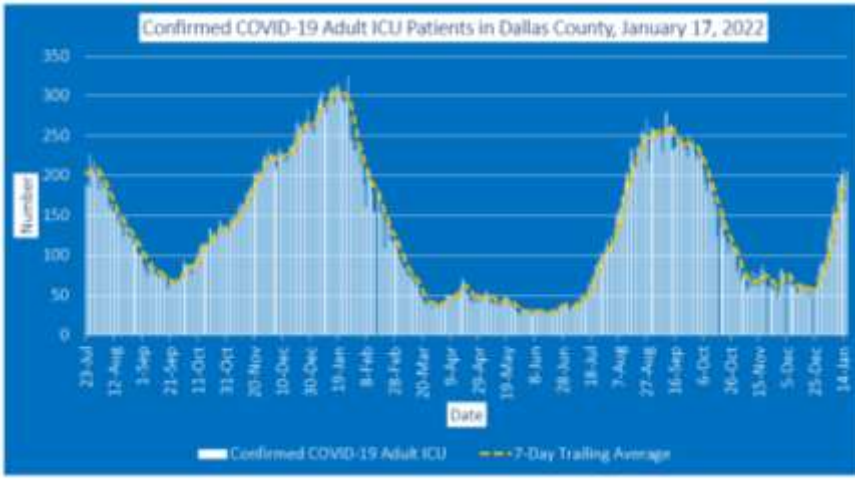
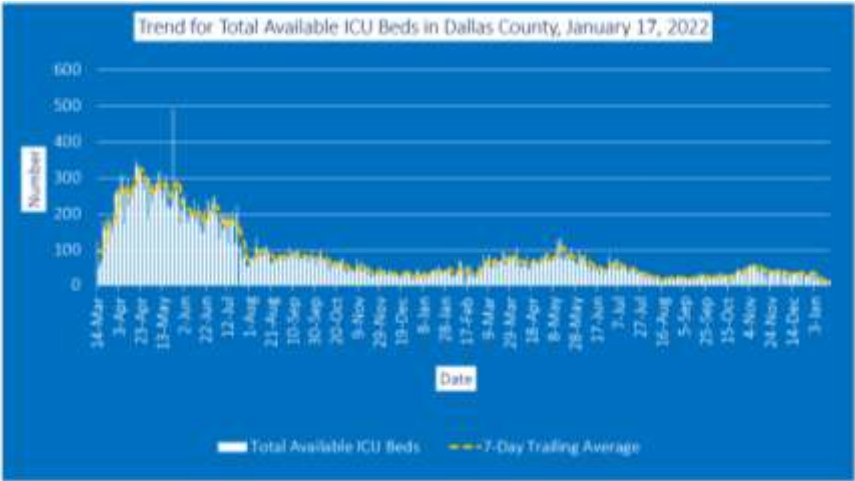
As of the week ending 1/8/2022, about 78% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 97% of residents age 65 years and older; 84% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 75% of residents 25-39 years of age; 64% of residents 18-24 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 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](#).





City	Population of City ≥18 years of age ¹	Cumulative Residents ≥17 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ²	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years who Received ≥ 1 Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine ³	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Vaccinated with at Least 1 Dose ⁴	Cumulative Residents ≥17 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁵	Cumulative Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁶	Percent of Residents ≥18 Years Fully Vaccinated ⁷
Addicks	11,061	535	11,113	< 1%	338	10,118	78%
Beth Springs	18,590	1,520	11,568	78%	1,117	9,768	59%
Carrollton	105,103	2,408	10,312	N/A	1,787	25,421	N/A
Center Hill	34,288	2,796	27,006	78%	2,173	23,863	64%
Cockrell Hill	2,895	201	1,972	66%	151	1,590	55%
Coppell	30,387	3,879	31,840	< 1%	2,984	25,676	85%
Dallas	987,547	58,404	742,308	74%	44,134	178,349	58%
DeSoto	38,830	2,808	31,851	82%	2,032	25,631	66%
Flowerville	28,841	2,025	22,106	77%	1,545	17,506	61%
Farmers Branch	30,624	1,529	28,409	87%	1,123	20,790	68%
Garland	173,591	18,417	146,177	84%	10,178	116,473	67%
Glenn Heights	8,975	31	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	8,789	523	6,230	92%	404	5,190	77%
Irving	4,423	227	2,745	62%	174	2,148	49%
Inglewood	175,238	14,460	164,721	94%	10,978	128,558	73%
Lancaster	26,977	2,345	21,511	80%	1,849	17,190	64%
Mesquite	101,641	7,876	77,068	78%	5,864	60,705	60%
Richardson	80,845	3,860	53,107	N/A	2,909	43,453	N/A
Rowlett	47,915	2,881	34,087	71%	2,296	27,743	58%
Sachse	19,007	1,147	10,818	N/A	813	8,772	N/A
Seagoville	11,818	916	9,023	78%	731	7,258	61%
Sunnyvale	4,639	355	5,036	< 1%	401	4,187	90%
University Park	18,079	2,001	14,748	82%	1,455	11,980	66%
Winston	8,178	251	2,310	79%	193	1,743	55%
Countywide Total ⁸	1,940,671	131,785	1,568,957	80%	101,396	1,223,312	63%

“We expect that the Omicron variant will peak here by the end of the month, so now is the time when infection is very high in our community. Where are your mask outside your home, in any indoor setting, or an outdoor setting where six foot distancing is not possible. Get vaccinated. If you have been vaccinated, get boosted as soon as possible, Find a vaccine near you, visit vaccines.org.

If we are very thoughtful about our activities through the rest of January, the first week of February, we can still get our work done and have fun while staying safe. I know many people are tired of COVID, but the virus is not care that you are tired. We must continue to practice the proven methods that give you your best chance to not become infected with COVID and infect others,” 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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