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Dallas County Reports a Total of 3,593 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 7 Deaths, Including 2,402 Probable Cases

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm January 25, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 3,593 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 1,191 confirmed cases and 2,402 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 437,844 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 91,668 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 5,733 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 21st, 2021.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 60'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 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 Richardson. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. 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 hospitalized 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 a facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 1,005 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); 774 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 14 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 20 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 and thirteen cases have been hospitalized and 37 have died. Seventeen COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Two hundred and forty-six people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant. As of 1/21/2022, a total of **23,412** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 2 (week ending 1/15/22), which is a weekly rate of **888.3** 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).

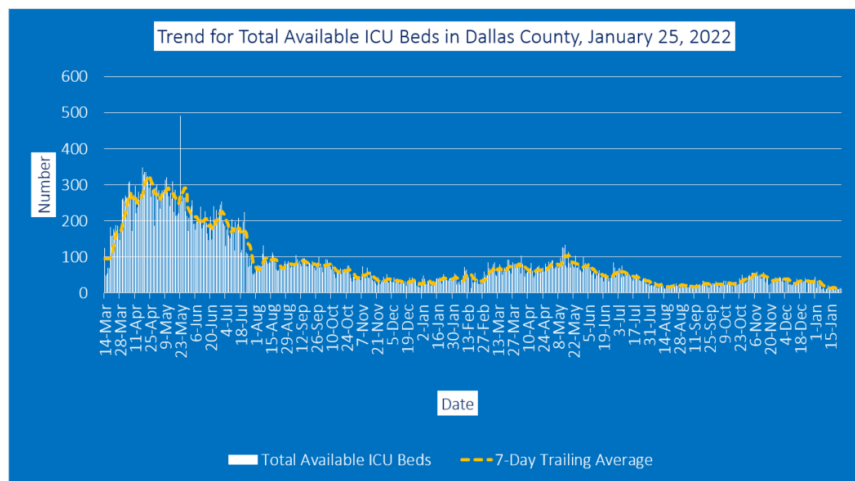
About 54.1 % of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 1 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 26,547 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 2,093 (7.9%) were hospitalized and 254 have died due to COVID-19. 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.

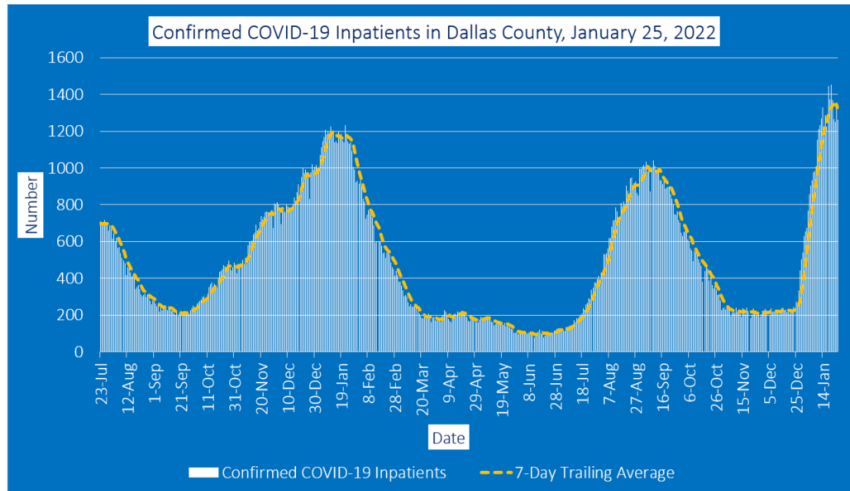
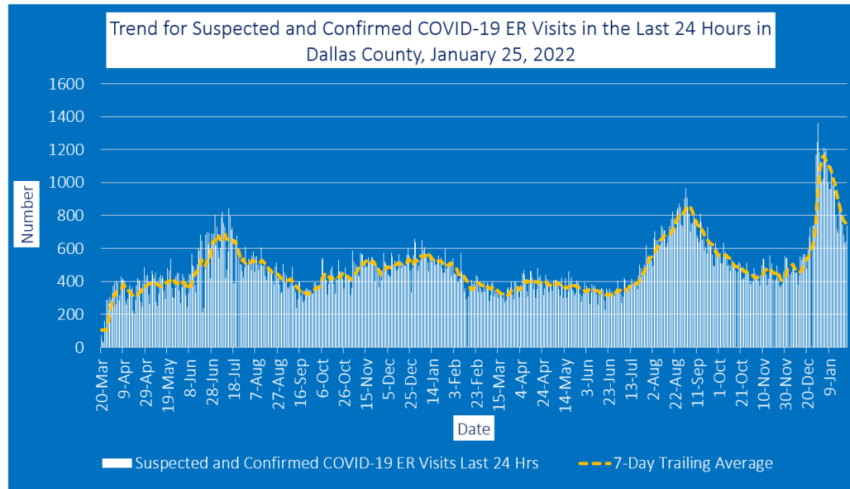
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 1/15/2022 (CDC week 2), **41.8%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 2, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (5.44%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (17.95%) and RSV (2.24%).

There are currently 86 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 5,568 residents and 3,646 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,229 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](#).





| Dallas County Residents Vaccinated for COVID-19 by City: as of Week Ending 1/8/2022 (MMWR Week 1) | | | | | | | |
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| 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 ³ | 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 ^{4,4} |
| 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 | 6,330 | 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 | 2,945 | 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% |
| Countywide Total⁵ | 1,940,671 | 133,783 | 1,560,057 | 80% | 101,396 | 1,223,312 | 63% |

“With the numbers of COVID cases still high in our community, now is not the time to lose your resolve. Please know your status and get tested if you develop symptoms and don’t go to work or school until you know that status. It is easier now than ever to get tested as more and more at-home test kits are available and you can get four free ones from the government per household by going to <https://special.usps.com/testkits>. Most health insurance companies will also reimburse you a hundred percent for buying 8 tests per month, and our testing sites are now appointment optional. Appointments are faster, but you can also drive up without an appointment and wait for a test. If you have been vaccinated, but haven’t been boosted yet, please get your boosters, as this is a very important layer of protection in order to have your best protection against, and, if you get it, your best outcome from COVID. Continue to wear your mask indoors and maintain six foot distance when outdoors. The more we all do our part, the faster the numbers will go down,” 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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