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**Dallas County Reports a Total of 585 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 19 Deaths, Including 236 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm March 18, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 585 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 349 confirmed cases and 236 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 473,533 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 101,549 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 6,152 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 Thursdays – Saturdays from 9am-6pm. A weekly pop-up vaccination clinic will also take place at Fair Park on Tuesdays from 12:30pm-6pm and on Sundays, from 10am – 4pm.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He expired at an area hospital ED 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 woman in her 50'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 50'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 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 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 hospitalized 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 man in his 70'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 70's who was a resident of the City of Duncanville. 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 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 Irving. 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 had been hospitalized 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 man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. 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 Balch Springs. He had been hospitalized 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 had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 100's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. He expired at the facility and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 1,830 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 162 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,440 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); 174 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Three hundred and twenty-two cases have been hospitalized and 47 have died. Thirty COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Four hundred and seventy-nine people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

As of 3/18/2022, a total of **386** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 10 (week ending 3/12/22), which is a weekly rate of **14.6** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 3/12/2022, about 81% of Dallas County residents age 12 years and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine, including: 98% of residents age 65 years and older; 86% of residents between 40-64 years of age; 78% of residents 25-39 years of age; 67% of residents 18-24 years of age; and 62% of residents 12-17 years of age. In the cities of Addison, Coppell, Highland Park, Irving, and Sunnyvale, greater than 92% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. In the cities of Cedar Hill, 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.

About 52.9% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 10 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 39,031 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 3,635 (9.3%) were hospitalized and 607 have died due to COVID-19.

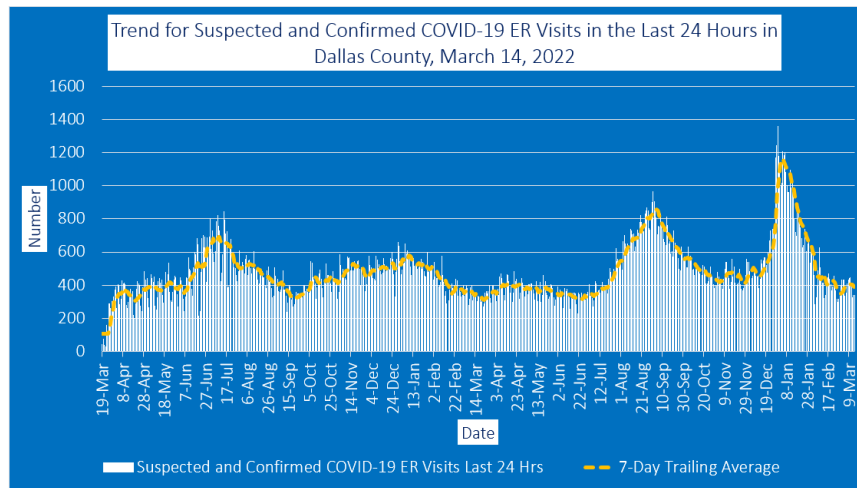
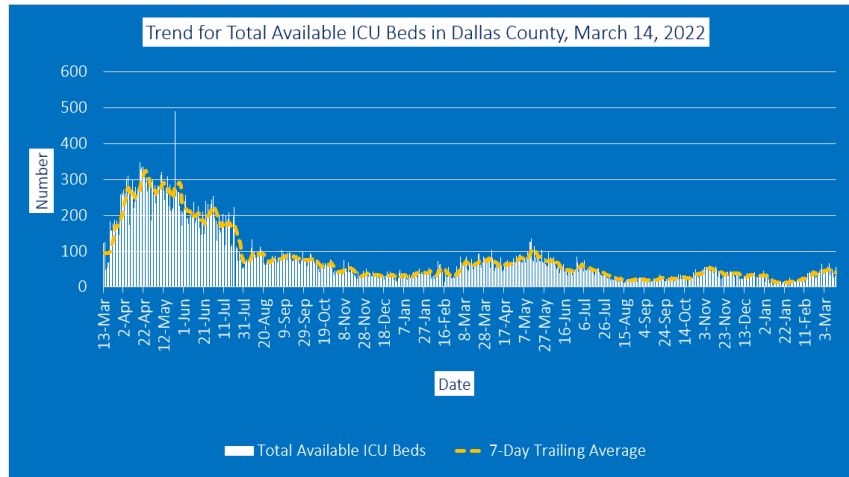
Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 3/12/2022 (CDC week 10), **2.4%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 10, area hospital labs have continued to report elevated numbers and proportions of respiratory specimens that are positive for other respiratory viruses by molecular tests: parainfluenza (2.75%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (33.15%) and RSV (2.16%).

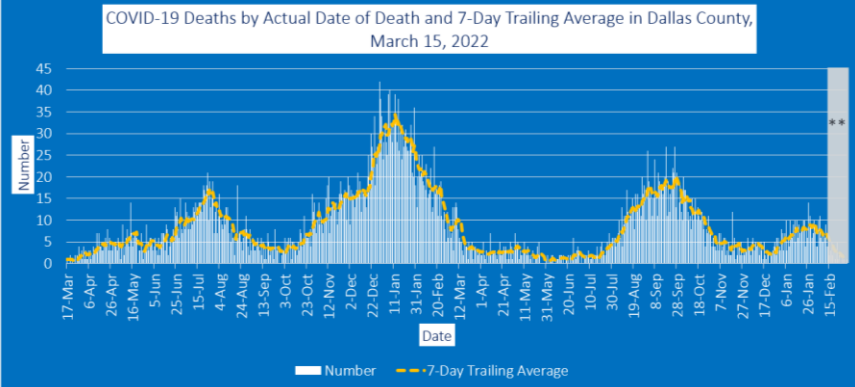
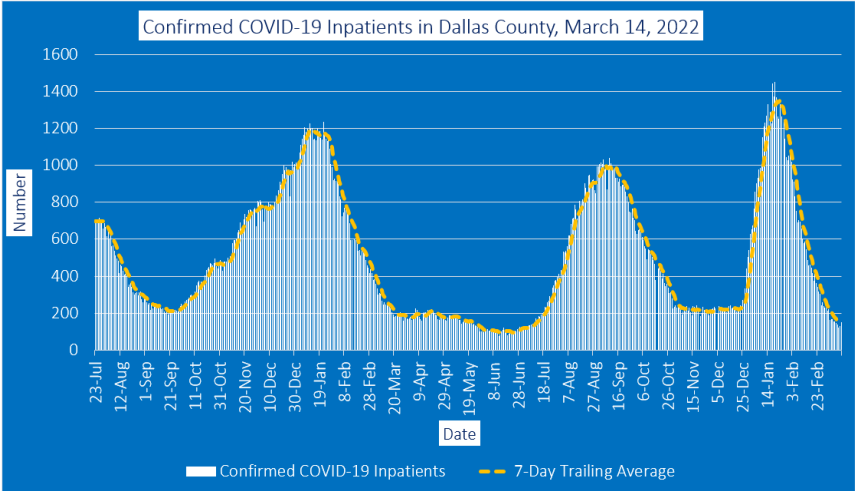
There are currently 25 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,431 residents and 4,362 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,313 have been hospitalized and 894 have died. About 16% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 3 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 840 residents and 295 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 3/12/2022 (MMWR Week 10)							
City	Population of City ≥18 years of age <sup>1</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>3,4</sup>
Addison	13,061	679	13,715	< 99%	356	10,407	80%
Balch Springs	16,590	2,056	13,078	79%	1,189	10,094	61%
Carrollton	105,102	3,034	33,227	N/A	1,883	26,108	N/A
Cedar Hill	34,268	3,540	27,656	81%	2,264	22,420	65%
Cockrell Hill	2,995	289	2,059	69%	153	1,642	55%
Coppell	30,387	4,908	32,589	< 99%	3,234	26,289	87%
Dallas	997,547	76,728	765,873	77%	46,556	594,979	60%
Desoto	38,930	3,421	32,702	84%	2,094	26,427	68%
Duncanville	28,841	2,631	22,762	79%	1,632	18,047	63%
Farmers Branch	30,624	2,015	27,470	90%	1,184	21,347	70%
Garland	173,595	17,724	150,489	87%	10,869	119,623	69%
Glenn Heights	8,975	33	633	N/A	14	424	N/A
Grand Prairie	138,103	9,639	72,674	N/A	5,917	56,360	N/A
Highland Park	6,789	663	6,325	93%	430	5,277	78%
Hutchins	4,423	276	2,816	64%	179	2,187	49%
Irving	175,226	19,894	170,731	97%	11,664	131,211	75%
Lancaster	26,977	3,031	22,257	83%	1,926	17,758	66%
Mesquite	101,641	10,318	79,517	78%	6,279	62,662	62%
Richardson	90,645	5,268	53,251	N/A	3,070	42,345	47%
Rowlett	47,915	3,705	34,771	73%	2,398	28,266	59%
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Seagoville	11,828	1,198	9,335	79%	760	7,460	63%
Sunnyvale	4,699	692	5,122	< 99%	474	4,262	91%
University Park	18,073	2,384	15,014	83%	1,571	12,237	68%
Wilmer	3,178	257	2,409	76%	203	1,810	57%
<b>Countywide Total<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>1,940,671</b>	<b>140,972</b>	<b>1,608,102</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>105,285</b>	<b>1,259,098</b>	<b>65%</b>

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

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

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

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

<sup>5</sup>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 bring with them 19 additional deaths. Every life is precious and losing one leaves an irreplaceable loss with the loved ones who are left behind. At this point, COVID deaths are largely preventable through vaccination and keeping up with your booster. Find a vaccine or booster near you at [vaccines.org](https://www.vaccines.org),” 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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