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Dallas County Reports a Total of 586 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 225 Probable Cases and 90 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm March 29, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 586 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 361 confirmed cases and 225 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 475,939 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 102,875 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes 90 newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,245 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 and Monday.

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 Saturdays from 9am-6pm. A weekly pop-up vaccination clinic will also take place at Ellis Davis Fieldhouse on Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am-6pm.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

- A man in his 50'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 man in his 60'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 60's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. She expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60'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 man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. 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 Dallas. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Carrollton. She 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 Dallas. She 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 Dallas. She 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 had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. He expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 2,056 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); 1,569 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 cases of C.37 (Lambda); 2 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 271 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Three hundred and fifty-four cases have been hospitalized and 49 have died. Thirty-five COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Five hundred and eighty-four people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

As of 3/25/2022, a total of **350** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 11 (week ending 3/19/22), which is a weekly rate of **13.3** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 3/19/2022, 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 51.8% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 10 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 41,310 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 3,734 (9.0%) were hospitalized and 630 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 3/19/2022 (CDC week 11), **2.3%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 11, 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 (3.73 %), rhinovirus/enterovirus (32.46%) and RSV (2.18%).

There are currently 19 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,443 residents and 4,362 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,326 have been hospitalized and 898 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 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](#). The most recent COVID-19 Data Summaries for Dallas County, TX can be found at the bottom of [this page](#).

“Today, the FDA approved additional booster shots for people 50 and older who have not received a booster in at least four months. The public health committee will meet and provided its thoughts and guidance, but we know that the immunocompromised and older population is more susceptible to both contracting COVID and to poorer outcomes. Therefore that population should strongly consider taking advantage of this vaccine opportunity,” 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](#)

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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