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Dallas County Reports a Total of 457 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 11 Deaths, Including 216 Probable Cases and 53 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm March 31, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 457 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 241 confirmed cases and 216 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 476,497 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 103,290 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes 53 newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,276 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 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 woman in her 20's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60'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 60's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. 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 Duncanville. 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 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 Balch Springs. 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 Rowlett. He 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 a long-term care facility in the City of Lancaster. 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 Dallas. He expired at home 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](#).

"We can't do everything, but we can all do something. The public health committee has released guidance for our current yellow status here in Dallas County. You may access it by clicking [here](#). They stressed the importance of vaccination for those who have not yet been vaccinated, and a third shot for those who have been vaccinated. There is now the possibility of getting a fourth shot and the public health committee will have opinions on that as will other medical providers in the coming days. I want to stress though that there is no divergence in medical opinion about the importance of the initial two-shot vaccination and the need for a third

dose booster at an appropriate time after those initial two shots. You may find a vaccine location near you by visiting [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov),” 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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