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**Dallas County Reports a Total of 864 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 15 Deaths, Including 216 Probable Cases and 56 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date**

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm April 01, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 864 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 640 confirmed cases and 224 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 477,137 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 103,514 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes 56 newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,291 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:

- An infant girl who was a resident of the City of Carrollton. She expired in an area hospital ED and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 30's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 50's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Irving. She expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased at home 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 man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Cedar Hill. 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 Garland. 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 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 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 Garland. 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 did not have 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 woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Sachse. She expired at home and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 2,170 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 163 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,662 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 15 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 22 cases of P.1 (Gamma); 9 cases of B.1.526 (Iota); 4 cases of C.37 (Lambda); 3 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 287 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Three hundred and seventy-one cases have been hospitalized and 51 have died. Thirty-six COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Six hundred and twenty-two people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

As of 4/1/2022, a total of **356** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 12 (week ending 3/26/22), which is a weekly rate of **13.5** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 3/26/2022, 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 45.5% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 12 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 43,722 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 3,816 (8.7%) were hospitalized and 652 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 3/26/2022 (CDC week 12), **2.5%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 12, 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 (4.98%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (32.07%) and RSV (3.06%).

There are currently 14 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,444 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 901 have died. About 16% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There have been 0 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 1,028 residents and 424 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](#). The most recent COVID-19 Data Summaries for Dallas County, TX can be found at the bottom of [this page](#).

“Today's numbers are 864 new cases, but of those numbers only 56 of the positive COVID cases were collected in the last 14 days. Our numbers are getting as low as they were at the beginning of the pandemic. And this is good news. For those who live with an immunocompromised person, or plan to visit an immunocompromised person or are immunocompromised themselves, masks are still advised in large indoor gatherings. If you have not been vaccinated yet, please find a vaccine near you at [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) or if you had your two-shot vaccine or one-shot J&J, but have not had your booster shot. For those who've had three shots, a booster is available for people 50 and older and is recommended for those over 65 or with underlying conditions that would make a person more susceptible to COVID or more likely to have a serious outcome,” 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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