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Dallas County Reports a Total of 534 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 2 Deaths, Including 224 Probable Cases and 36 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm April 07, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 534 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 310 confirmed cases and 224 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 478,430 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 104,215 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes 36 newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,308 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 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 Richardson. He expired in hospice and had underlying high risk health conditions

To date, a total of 2,200 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 164 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,687 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 case of C.37 (Lambda); 3 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 291 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Three hundred and seventy-four cases have been hospitalized and 51 have died. Thirty-six COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Six hundred and thirty-six 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 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](#).

“The number of new cases reported today is low, but COVID-19 is still present in our community. Please ensure you and your family are up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccination site at Ellis Davis will be open tomorrow (Friday), but will be closed for Saturday of this week. For more details about this and other sites in the county, visit: <https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/vaccine-landing.php>. And to find other vaccine locations near you, visit vaccines.gov and are in need of a first or second dose or first or second booster, you can find a location near you at 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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