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Dallas County Reports a Total of 512 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 9 Deaths, Including 228 Probable Cases and 60 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm April 14, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 552 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 324 confirmed cases and 228 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 479,921 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 105,379 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes 60 newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,351 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 50's who was a resident of the City of Sachse. 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 Garland. He was found deceased at home and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Addison. He expired in hospice 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 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 expired at home 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 hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80'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 80's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. He expired at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.

• A woman in her 90's who was a resident of the City of Garland. She expired at home and did not have underlying high risk health conditions.

To date, a total of 2,337 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 175 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,785 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 15 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 26 cases of P.1 (Gamma); 10 cases of B.1.526 (Iota); 5 case of C.37 (Lambda); 4 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 312 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Three hundred and ninety-five cases have been hospitalized and 52 have died. Thirty-nine COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Six hundred and seventy-nine people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

As of 4/8/2022, a total of **379** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 13 (week ending 4/2/22), which is a weekly rate of **14.4** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 4/2/2022, 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; 68% 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 41.5% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 13 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 47,252 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 3,870 (8.2%) were hospitalized and 667 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 4/2/2022 (CDC week 13), **3.1%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 13, 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 (3.44%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (30.54%) and RSV (2.63%).

There are currently 11 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,446 residents and 4,362 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,334 have been hospitalized and 906 have died. About 16% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There has been 1 outbreak 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 1,135 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.

"The number of new infections, hospitalizations, and deaths due to COVID are currently low. However, there is still a threat of serious cases of COVID-19, particularly for those who are immunocompromised and those who

are unvaccinated. To find a vaccine near you, visit Vaccines.gov. In addition to many pharmacies, clinics, and doctors' offices, the vaccine is currently also available at the drive-thru site at Ellis Davis Field House on Tuesdays-Saturday from 10am-6pm; and at Eastfield Campus on Saturdays from 9am-6pm. Masking, distancing, and ensuring good air ventilation in indoor gathering spaces are also effective ways to limit the spread of COVID," said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:

<u>https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/</u> 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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