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Dallas County Reports a Total of 421 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 3 Deaths, Including 136 Probable Cases and 85 New Cases within 14 days of Specimen Collection Date

DALLAS -- As of 12:00 pm April 21, 2022 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 421 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 285 confirmed cases and 136 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 481,374 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 106,098 probable cases (antigen test). Today's report includes **85** newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date. A total of 6,376 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 40'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 60's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He was found deceased 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.

To date, a total of 2,448 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 246 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,810 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 15 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 28 cases of P.1 (Gamma); 12 cases of B.1.526 (Iota); 5 case of C.37 (Lambda); 4 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 323 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 1 case of P.2 (Zeta). Four hundred and twenty-two cases have been hospitalized and 52 have died. Forty-five COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Seven hundred and one people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

As of 4/15/2022, a total of **384** confirmed and probable cases were reported in CDC week 14 (week ending 4/9/22), which is a weekly rate of **14.6** new cases per 100,000 residents.

As of the week ending 4/9/2022, 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 94% 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 81% of residents 18 years of age and older have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

About 45.7% of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in Week 14 were Dallas County residents who were not fully vaccinated. In Dallas County, 50,891 cases of COVID-19 breakthrough COVID-19 infections in fully vaccinated individuals have been confirmed to date, of which 3,936 (7.7%) were hospitalized and 679 have died due to COVID-19.

Of all Dallas County residents tested for COVID-19 by PCR during the week ending 4/9/2022 (CDC week 14), **3.0%** of respiratory specimens tested positive for SARS-CoV-2. For week 14, 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 (5.39%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (32.87%) and RSV (3.0%).

There are currently 9 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,447 residents and 4,362 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,335 have been hospitalized and 910 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>.

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 numbers continue to improve and we have not had as good an environment to enjoy activities since the beginning of COVID-19, for those who are fully vaccinated and up-to-date on their shots. This means for those who are not immunocompromised that you have had at least three shots. For those who have underlying health conditions, consult your doctor. And if you need a vaccine, find one 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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