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Dallas County Reports an 8-Day Total of 409 Newly Reported Cases of COVID-19 within 14 Days of Specimen Collection Date and 4 Deaths

DALLAS -- Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is continuing to update and upgrade the data collection system. Cumulative case counts are being updated and will be reported at a later time. DCHHS is reporting **409** newly reported cases of COVID-19 within 14 days of specimen collection date received during the 8 day period between 4/28 through 5/5. A total of 6,426 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

The additional deaths being reported today include the following:

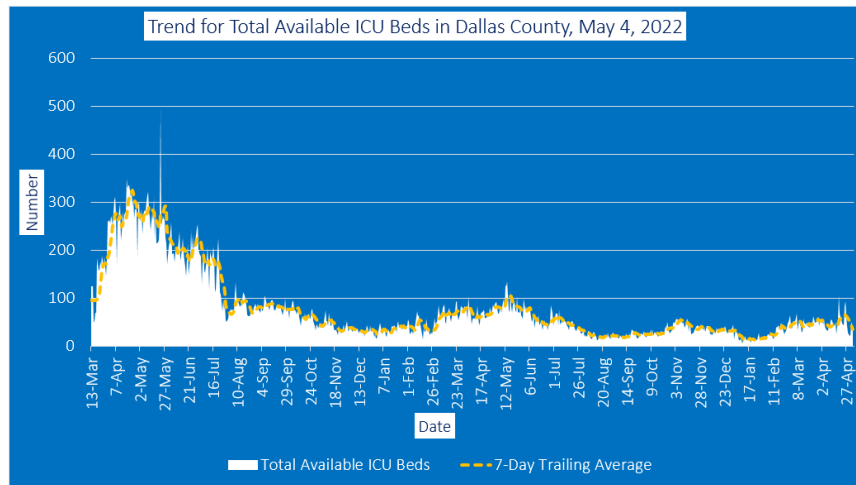
- A man in his 20's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. He expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. She expired in an area hospital ED and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Mesquite. He was found deceased at home and had underlying high risk health conditions.

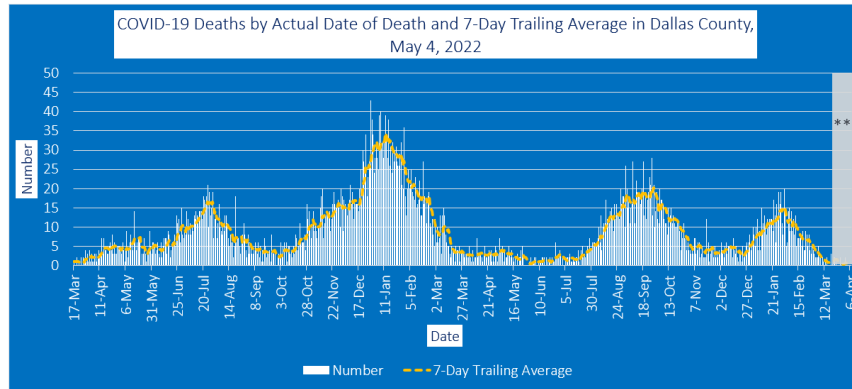
To date, a total of 2,592 cases with SARS-CoV-2 variants have been identified and investigated in residents of Dallas County, including: 288 cases of B.1.1.7 (Alpha); 4 cases of B.1.351 (Beta); 1,858 cases of B.1.617.2 (Delta); 31 cases of B.1.427 (Epsilon); 29 cases of P.1 (Gamma); 15 cases of B.1.526 (Iota); 5 case of C.37 (Lambda); 4 cases of B.1.621 (Mu); 355 cases of B.1.1.529 (Omicron); and 3 cases of P.2 (Zeta). Four hundred and forty-nine cases have been hospitalized and 64 have died. Forty-nine COVID-19 variant cases were reinfections. Seven hundred and thirty-six people were considered fully vaccinated before infection with a COVID-19 variant.

For week 17, 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 (10.51%), rhinovirus/enterovirus (35.35 %) and RSV (2.79%).

There are currently 15 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 6,493 residents and 4,365 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,338 have been hospitalized and 911 have died. About 16% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities.

There has 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 1,152 residents and staff members (856 residents and 296 staff) in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19.





“DCHHS is continuing to work to improve the computer interface to get more accurate and timely data. It may be several days before the switch over to the new system is done. In the meantime, we are providing the data that is currently available. The numbers are low, but they have increased and now is a good time for those who have not been vaccinated to get their vaccine, and for those who have not had a third shot to get this important dose. Go to covid.gov to find a free vaccination near you,” 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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