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**Dallas County Reports 230 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 11:00am August 6, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 230 additional confirmed cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total confirmed case count in Dallas County to 52,869, including 736 confirmed deaths.

The additional 10 confirmed deaths being reported today include:

- A man in his 40'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 man in his 50'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 woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Lancaster. She had been critically ill in an area hospital, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60's who was a resident of the City of Irving. 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 a long-term care facility in the City of Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital, and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 60'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 man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Mesquite. 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 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 woman in her 80's who was a resident of the City of Garland. She had been hospitalized.

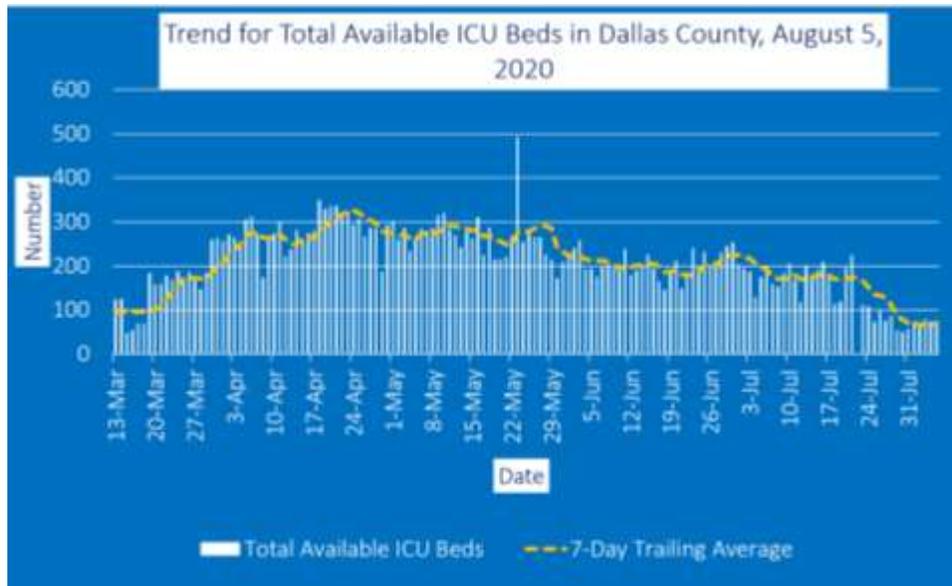
Over 2,340 children under 18 years of age have been diagnosed with confirmed COVID-19 since July 1<sup>st</sup>. During this timeframe, 61 children have been hospitalized for COVID-19. Of all confirmed cases requiring hospitalization to date, more than two-thirds have been under 65 years of age. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

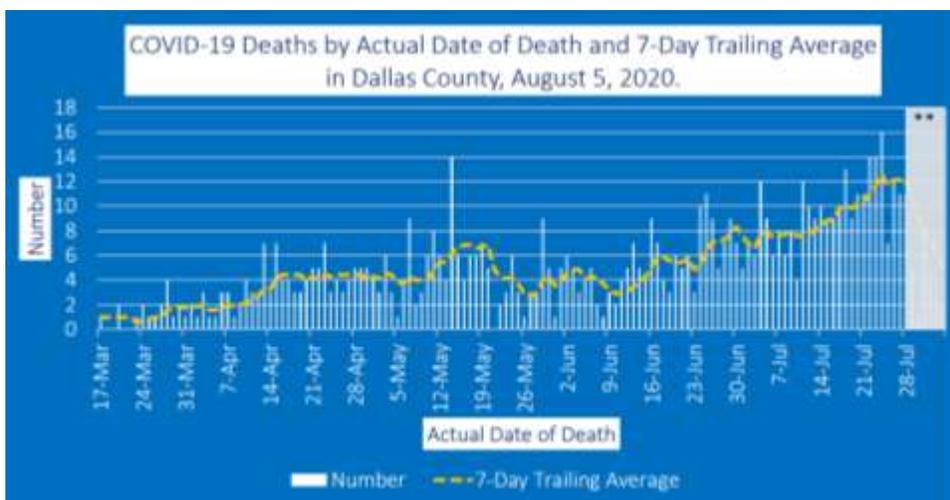
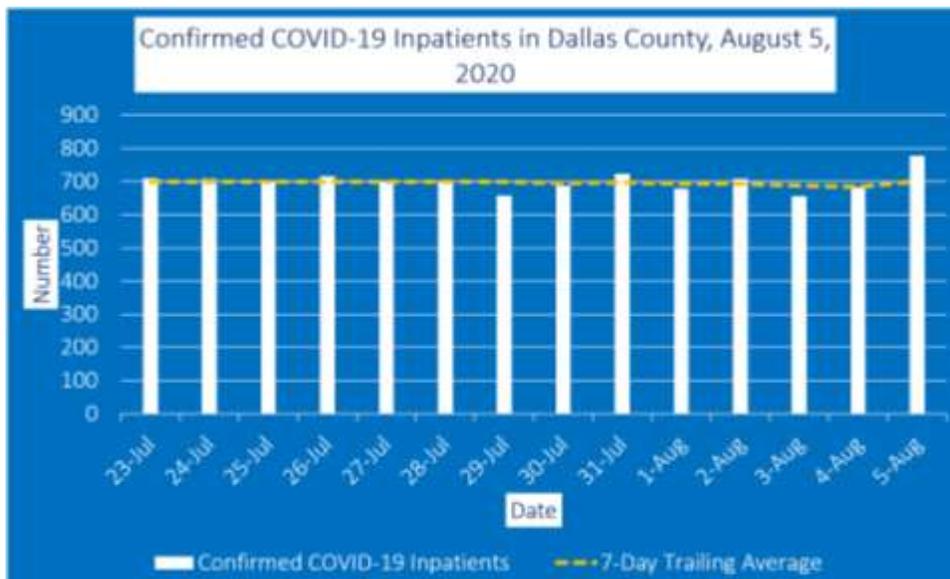
The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, with about 19% of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 30. Of cases requiring hospitalization who reported employment, over 80% have been critical infrastructure workers, with a broad range of affected occupational sectors, including: healthcare, transportation, food and agriculture, public works, finance, communications, clergy, first responders and other essential functions.

Of the total confirmed deaths reported to date, about 28% have been associated with long-term care facilities. A total of 1,862 probable cases have been reported to date in Dallas County residents, including 3 probable

deaths from COVID-19. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with a more detailed summary report updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

Local health experts use hospitalizations, ICU admissions, and ER visits as three of the key indicators in determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. We continue to see elevated numbers of COVID-19 patients in Dallas County with 625 people in acute care for the period ending Wednesday, August 5. Additionally, the number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 583 in the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, August 5, which represents around 25 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).





“Today’s numbers carry a somber reminder in the ten deaths, one of whom was a person in their 40’s without underlying health conditions. We saw the same thing with another person yesterday. COVID-19 is a very dangerous disease for everyone and that’s why wearing a mask, maintaining a six foot distance, regular hygiene and avoiding unnecessary trips is absolutely essential.

Today we saw the lowest number of new cases we’ve seen since June 1, strong evidence that the trend of universal masking is working and we cannot let up. The demand for testing has gone down as well and testing is available at our locations with little or no wait and a faster turnaround time now than we’ve seen in the past. So if you need a test, don’t delay, go to one of our sites listed here:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/testing-locations.php>

Also, as I mentioned on Twitter last night, I’m pleased to announce that seven of our ten Justices of the Peace have agreed to extend the moratorium on eviction settings until August 24. This should give Congress enough time for the Republican-led Senate and the President to agree with the Democratic-led House on extending the \$600 unemployment benefit and rental assistance passed two months ago by the House,” 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](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends taking everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact outside your home: Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others and continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children to do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-base hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands. Immediately wash your hands.
- Monitor your health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Take your temperature and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

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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