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Dallas County Reports Two Additional Presumptive Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reported two additional presumptive positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County. These test results are considered presumptive positive until confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The two cases include:

- A man in his 30's, one man in his 40's
- Both are self-isolating at home
- Both cases are residents of the city of Dallas
- One case is related to international travel and one is related to cruise travel

Dallas County will not release further information to protect their privacy.

“The number of cases will continue to rise,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins. “The rate at which they rise will depend on the extent to which we all act responsibly to prevent community spread.”

Dallas County has now reported eleven presumptive positive cases, however, two of those cases are out of county residents and will not be reflected in our case counts posted on the DCHHS website. The case count at the following link will only include county residents:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/dchhs/2019-novel-coronavirus.php>

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

- Stay home when you are sick, except to seek medical care
- Wash your hands 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 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.

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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