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

DALLAS -- Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) reported three 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 three cases include:

- A man in his 30's, one man in his 50's, one man in his 60's
- Two are hospitalized and one is self-isolating at a residence
- One case is a resident of the city of Coppell, one is a resident of the city of Dallas, and one resides out-of-state
- 1 case is related to international travel, 1 is related to domestic travel, and 1 is related to cruise travel

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

“Times of uncertainty make us want to come together. Worshipping at home or in small groups is a break in habit for many,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins. “I thank all who normally would attend a larger service, especially our faith leaders for your sacrifice and focus on fighting community spread.”

Dallas County has now reported fourteen presumptive positive cases, however, three 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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