



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 1, 2021**

**Dallas County Reports 165 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 5 Deaths, Including 44 Probable Cases**

**DALLAS** -- As of 2:00 pm May 1, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 165 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 121 confirmed cases and 44 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 257,527 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 41,432 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,900 Dallas County residents have lost their lives due to COVID-19 illness.

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is providing initial vaccinations to those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 and over 430,000 total doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered at the Fair Park mega-vaccine clinic, which started operations on Monday, January 11. Vaccine operations for both first and second doses at Fair Park continue through Saturday.

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 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 Carrollton. He 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 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 Dallas. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80'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.

To date, a total of 58 cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7; six B.1.429 variants; one B.1.526 variant, one P.1 variant, and one P.2 variant have been identified in residents of Dallas County. Four have been hospitalized with 2 requiring intensive care unit admission. Seven had history of recent domestic travel outside of Texas. One case of B.1.1.7 is a likely instance of reinfection with COVID-19, occurring over 6 months after an initial PCR-confirmed infection. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 16 was **199**, which is a rate of **7.6** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. Of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals in week 16 (week ending 4/24/21), **9.5%** of respiratory specimens tested positive SARS-CoV-2.

During the past 30 days, there were 1,065 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 381 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. Of the cases reported over the past month, 93 have been associated with youth sports. There are currently 27 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,358 residents and 2,452 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 1,078 have been hospitalized and 766 have died. About 20% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Eleven outbreaks of COVID-19 in congregate-living facilities (e.g. homeless shelters, group homes, and halfway homes) have been reported in the past 30 days. A cumulative total

of 593 residents and 220 staff members in congregate-living facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with 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. New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summary reports updated Tuesday and 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. There were 162 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on April 30. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 331 for the same time-period, which represents around 13 percent of all emergency department visits in the county. Please continue to do your part to reduce spread. Masking, social distancing and avoiding gatherings, and getting your vaccination as soon as possible. The CDC has indicated additional activities are safe for those that are fully vaccinated. Getting your vaccine protects you and your family and friends and is the path forward. Updated UTSW forecasting reflects an increase within their model with hospitalizations between 160-230 and daily case counts of 260 by May 17th. If vaccination rates continue to increase, hospitalizations within the model remain low. With a slower pace of vaccination, the model shows growth in some scenarios. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).

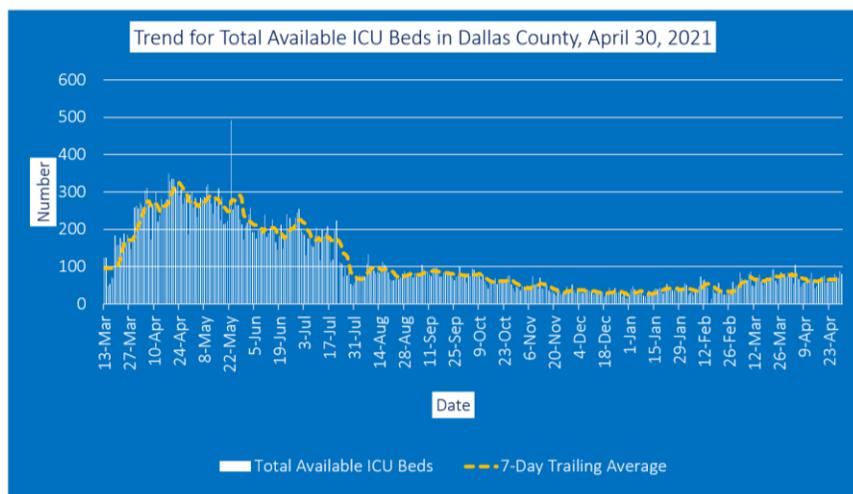
## Summary of weekly COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases, deaths, and percentage positive laboratory tests, Dallas County (CDC Weeks 25 - 16)

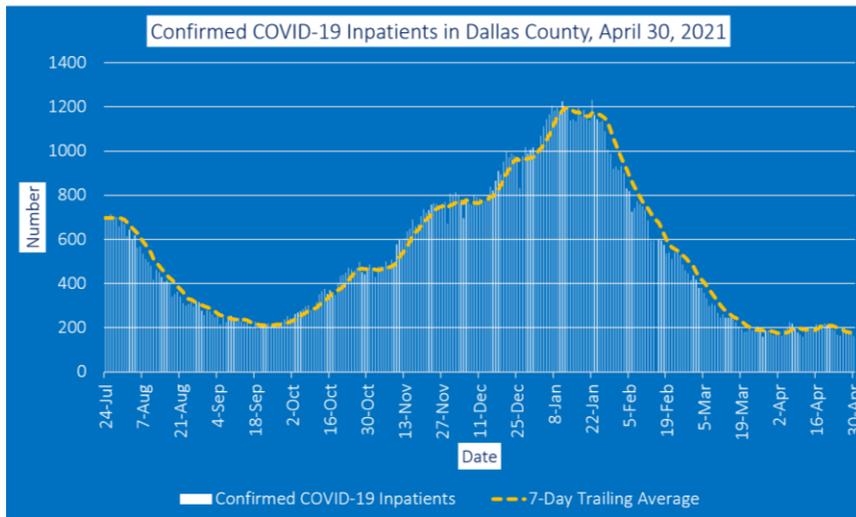
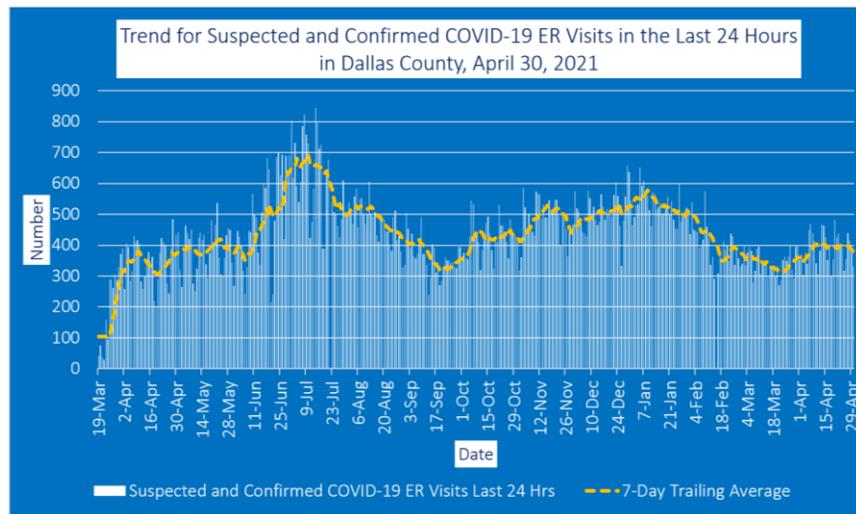
CDC Week	Week Ending	Total Confirmed and Probable Cases	Total School-Aged Cases (5 to 17 years)	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Cases*	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Deaths**	Percentage of Tests Positive for SARS-CoV-2***
25	6/20/2020	5,891	481	842	6	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,625	648	1,232	9	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,974	706	1,282	10	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	8,156	856	1,308	10	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,550	686	936	13	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,533	496	648	16	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,340	422	477	14	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,860	323	409	10	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,162	184	309	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,760	190	251	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,201	185	314	7	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,083	162	298	5	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,889	204	270	4	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,245	239	321	4	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,476	266	354	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,738	324	391	3	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,698	477	528	4	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,517	567	645	4	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,370	703	767	6	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,407	619	772	10	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	8,078	1,005	1,154	9	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,189	1,380	1,456	13	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,240	1,269	1,463	12	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,790	945	1,256	15	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,368	1,761	1,767	14	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,543	1,729	1,792	16	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,388	1,689	1,913	17	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,586	1,374	1,798	23	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	16,387	1,931	2,341	29	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	19,201	2,571	2,743	32	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,951	1,964	1,993	31	27.6%
3	1/23/2021	11,932	1,708	1,705	28	25.6%
4	1/30/2021	10,307	1,520	1,472	26	24.2%
5	2/6/2021	7,770	1,181	1,110	19	20.2%
6	2/13/2021	4,961	612	709	17	19.6%
7	2/20/2021	1,782	125	255	16	15.5%
8	2/27/2021	3,333	470	476	12	12.1%
9	3/6/2021	2,147	277	307	7	9.7%
10	3/13/2021	1,946	259	278	7	7.1%
11	3/20/2021	1,490	209	213	3	7.8%
12	3/27/2021	1,561	222	223	3	7.6%
13	4/3/2021	1,476	238	211	1	8.3%
14	4/10/2021	1,773	285	253	1	9.0%
15	4/17/2021	1,583	252	226	<1	9.8%
16	4/24/2021	1,396	222	199	<1	9.5%

\* For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of test collection

\*\* For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of death

\*\*\* Percentage positive PCR tests in symptomatic patients presenting to area hospital emergency department reporting surveillance data





“Today we report an additional 165 cases and five deaths. For the week, we have reported 47 deaths, a decrease from 59 last week. The seven-day provisional average of daily new confirmed and probable cases by date of test collection for CDC week 16 was 199, which is a rate of 7.6 daily new cases per 100,000 residents. For the last three weeks, we’ve seen a steady decrease in the average cases a day from 253 to 226 to 199 this past week.

In order to keep up this momentum, we must continue to do the things that will keep us safe from COVID-19. The most important of which is to get vaccinated and to encourage everyone we know to get vaccinated. We also should continue to wear our mask when in crowded buildings around people that we don’t know are fully vaccinated, to maintain distance when outdoor exercising and to use good hygiene, as well as other CDC recommendations for safety.

It's up to all of us to defeat COVID. We all have a role to play. Your role, if you have not been vaccinated, is to get vaccinated as soon as possible, which is easier now than ever as appointments are not required and lines are short at drive-thru vaccination sites. At Fair Park, each day that we are open, you can get a choice of a two-shot vaccine (Pfizer/Moderna) or the Johnson and Johnson one-and-done vaccine. There is no reason to wait.

If you've been vaccinated, help encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated. Encourage them, answer their questions, and explain the importance of this act, both for them, our community, and our country. Let's make May a month where we make a great advance in the battle against COVID," 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>

**CONTACT:**

Clay Lewis Jenkins, Dallas County Judge

[Clay.Jenkins@dallascounty.org](mailto:Clay.Jenkins@dallascounty.org)

[214-653-7949](tel:214-653-7949)

###