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**Dallas County Reports 267 New Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases and 24 Deaths,  
Including 32 Probable Cases**

*To Date, Over 161,000 Total Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine Administered at Fair Park*

**DALLAS** -- As of 12:00 pm March 13, 2021 Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 267 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Dallas County, 235 confirmed cases and 32 probable cases. There is a cumulative total of 249,246 confirmed cases (PCR test). There is a cumulative total of 37,105 probable cases (antigen test). A total of 3,299 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 161,000 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 will resume on Monday, March 15.

- The additional deaths being reported today include the following:
  - A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
  - A woman in her 40's who was a resident of the City of Garland. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
  - A man in his 40'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 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 50's who was a resident of the City of Garland. 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 Garland. 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 Garland. 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 Irving. 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 Grand Prairie. 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 a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. 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 Dallas. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
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- A man in his 60's who was a resident of the City of Wilmer. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Garland. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Richardson. She expired in hospice care 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 hospitalized 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 man in his 70's who was a resident of the City of Richardson. He had been hospitalized 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 Cedar Hill. He expired in hospice care and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. She had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Garland. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Seagoville. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Grand Prairie. He had been critically ill in an area hospital and had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of the City of Garland. He had been hospitalized and had underlying high risk health conditions.

One case of a B.1.526 variant of SARS-CoV-2 has been newly reported in a resident of Dallas County; this individual did not have a history of travel outside of Dallas County. Nine cases of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7 have been identified in residents of Dallas County. One was hospitalized and five had history of recent domestic travel outside of Texas. The provisional seven-day average of daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 9 was **285**, which is a rate of **10.8** daily new cases per 100,000 residents. The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remains high, with **9.9%** of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 9 (week ending 3/6/21).

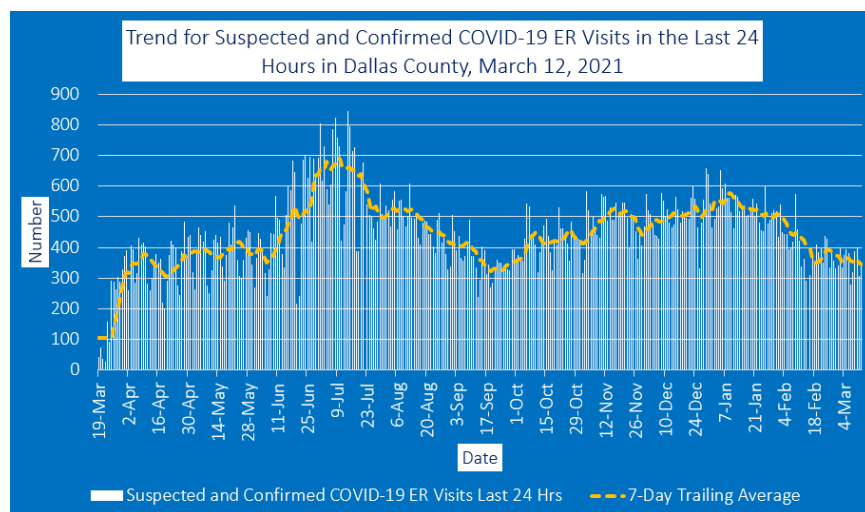
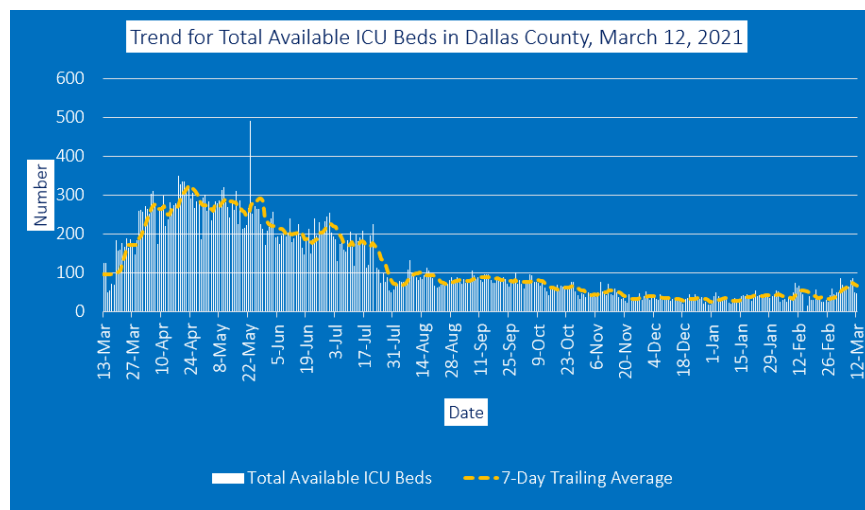
During the past 30 days, there were 1,714 COVID-19 cases in school-aged children and staff reported from 504 separate K-12 schools in Dallas County. An additional death of a teacher's assistant in a Dallas County K-12 school from COVID-19 was confirmed this past week.

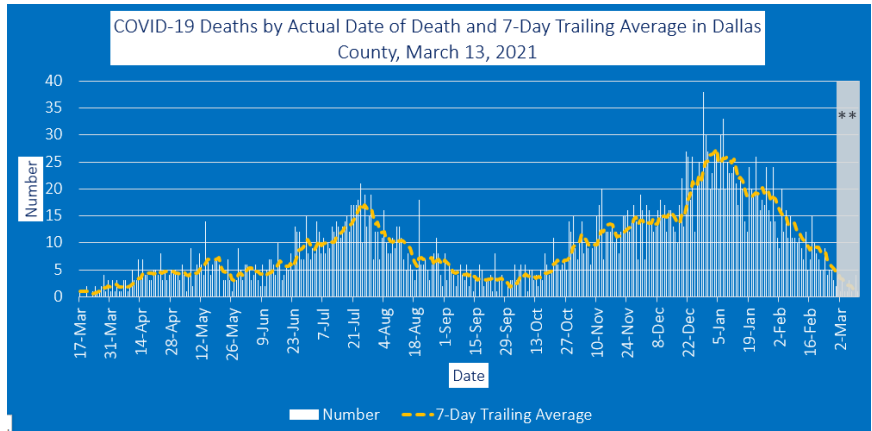
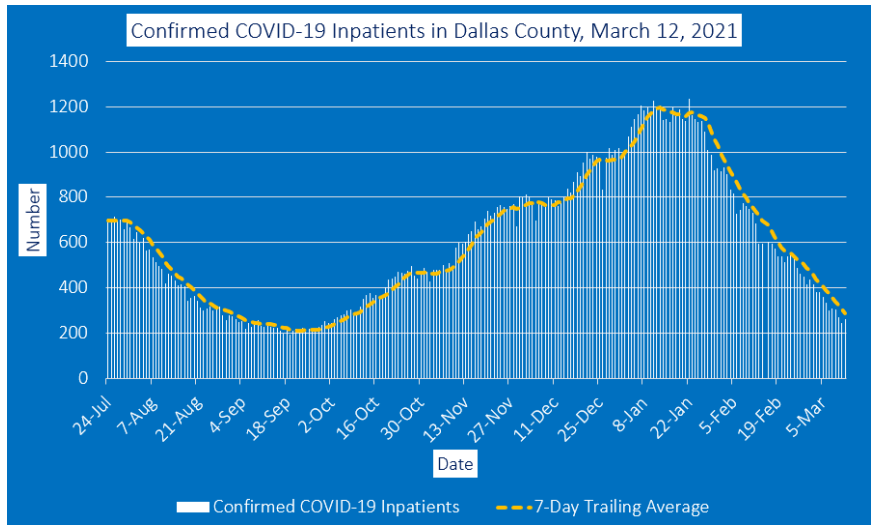
There are currently 30 active long-term care facility outbreaks. A cumulative total of 4,236 residents and 2,335 healthcare workers in long-term facilities in Dallas have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Of these, 988 have been hospitalized and 652 have died. About 22% of all deaths reported to date have been associated with long-term care facilities. Twelve 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 416 residents and 205 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 are 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 in determining the COVID-19 Risk Level (color-coded risk) and corresponding guidelines for activities during our COVID-19 response. There were 259 COVID-19 patients in acute care in Dallas County for the period ending on Friday, March 12. The number of emergency room visits for COVID-19 like symptoms in Dallas County was 348 for the same time-period, which represents around 14 percent of all emergency department visits in the county according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. Please be mindful of following CDC travel guidance over spring break and spring holidays. We remain concerned for additional waves due to a potential rise in variants and because community spread remains high creating an environment for cases to reignite. We encourage everyone to follow public health guidance, continue masking and avoid crowded and non-essential indoor settings. Updated UTSW forecasting indicates hospitalizations between 90-300 and daily case counts of 300 by March 29. 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 - 9)**

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	5,817	471	831	6	26.9%
26	6/27/2020	8,548	642	1,221	9	30.5%
27	7/4/2020	8,888	695	1,270	10	30.0%
28	7/11/2020	9,141	861	1,306	10	26.6%
29	7/18/2020	6,554	687	936	13	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,525	493	646	16	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,358	422	480	14	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,843	323	406	10	14.0%
33	8/15/2020	2,160	183	309	9	13.2%
34	8/22/2020	1,762	188	252	7	11.2%
35	8/29/2020	2,203	186	315	7	10.8%
36	9/5/2020	2,085	162	298	5	10.5%
37	9/12/2020	1,881	200	269	4	9.7%
38	9/19/2020	2,248	238	321	4	11.4%
39	9/26/2020	2,493	262	356	3	10.7%
40	10/3/2020	2,707	307	387	3	10.0%
41	10/10/2020	3,656	458	522	4	11.5%
42	10/17/2020	4,503	557	643	4	14.3%
43	10/24/2020	5,356	697	765	6	15.1%
44	10/31/2020	5,432	615	776	10	15.0%
45	11/7/2020	7,752	943	1,107	9	15.3%
46	11/14/2020	10,118	1,303	1,445	13	20.3%
47	11/21/2020	10,146	1,231	1,449	12	21.2%
48	11/28/2020	8,688	916	1,241	15	21.4%
49	12/5/2020	12,288	1,716	1,755	14	25.0%
50	12/12/2020	12,499	1,689	1,786	15	23.4%
51	12/19/2020	13,353	1,673	1,908	16	26.6%
52	12/26/2020	12,403	1,355	1,772	21	27.7%
53	1/2/2021	16,357	1,902	2,337	28	31.3%
1	1/9/2021	19,099	2,525	2,728	26	31.5%
2	1/16/2021	13,818	1,926	1,974	21	27.5%
3	1/23/2021	11,774	1,671	1,682	19	25.7%
4	1/30/2021	10,172	1,490	1,453	18	24.7%
5	2/6/2021	7,610	1,145	1,087	13	21.1%
6	2/13/2021	4,792	594	685	10	19.7%
7	2/20/2021	1,693	121	242	9	16.0%
8	2/27/2021	3,243	453	463	5	12.1%
9	3/6/2021	1,997	250	285	2	9.9%

\* 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 reported 267 cases and 24 deaths. For the week, our average daily new case count dropped from 601 to 390, and our total number of deaths was 177, making this the 5th deadliest week on record for COVID-19. With the criteria expanded for anyone over 50 years of age, with or without underlying conditions, and anyone 16 to 49 with an underlying condition, more people will qualify for vaccination than ever before. Unfortunately, the state is not sending us our population-adjusted share of vaccines to Dallas and Tarrant Counties, and this is hindering vaccination efforts. You should sign up to be vaccinated anywhere you're willing to drive, including DallasCounty.org. Get vaccinated as soon as you're eligible. It's also important that we continue to do the things that have proven to keep us safe before the vaccines arrived: wear a mask when in buildings other than your home; wash your hands frequently; and avoid crowds and get-togethers with unvaccinated people. If we all work together and keep our resolve to do the small acts of sacrifice that patriotism and public health require, together we will beat COVID in the coming months,” 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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