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

DALLAS -- As of 10:00 am March 20, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting 19 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing to the total case count in Dallas County to 74. New cases will be reported as a daily aggregate, with a more detailed summary report updated Tuesdays and Fridays. Of the cases reported to date, multiple clusters of transmission have been noted among attendees of recreational group gatherings and employees in office settings.

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

“Please stay safe by staying home and limiting unnecessary trips. Walks are ok but keep 6 feet distancing. It’s up to all of us to #flattenthecurve and #staycalmandstaysafe,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

The case count at the following link will only include county residents:

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

Most employees who work within the City of Dallas have a right to paid sick leave. Employees of private businesses and nonprofits with six or more employees in Dallas can use their paid sick leave when they are sick or to care for sick family members.

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-based 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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