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Dallas County Reports 61 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 10:00 am March 30, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 61 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 549. The 11th death from COVID-19 is being reported, of a man in his 40's who was found deceased in his residence in the city of Dallas. This individual was reported to have had other high-risk chronic health conditions. Of cases requiring hospitalization to date, about two-thirds (65%) have been either over 60 years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition. Hospitalizations from COVID-19 are increasing, with 36% of all hospitalized patients requiring admission to intensive care units.

New cases are being reported as a daily aggregate, with a more detailed summary report updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

"We are working collaboratively with industry and working groups to ensure that our essential business employees are as safe as possible. These front-line workers are supply chain heroes. We are also asking our community to please be careful on our parks and trails. Social distancing is physical distancing and physical distancing is at least 6 feet. If you are jogging past 500 people going the opposite direction on a trail, you're breathing droplets on the trail from all of those people, and likewise they are breathing yours. A lack of compliance with physical distancing only increases the chance that more people will get sick and lengthens the time before we get the economy moving again," said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:
<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>

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-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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