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### **Dallas County Reports 135 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases**

**DALLAS --** As of 11:00am April 28, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 135 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 3,240, including 94 deaths.

The additional deaths being reported today include:

- A 17 year-old girl who was a resident of the City of Lancaster, and expired at an area hospital ED.
- A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Dallas, and expired at an area hospital ED.
- A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Garland, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the city of Carrollton, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the city of Lancaster, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 60's who was an inmate at a state correctional facility, and had been hospitalized.
- A man in his 70's who was a resident of the city of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A woman in her 70's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the city of Dallas, and had been critically ill in an area hospital.
- A man in his 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the city of Dallas, who expired in the facility.
- A man in his 90's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the city of Dallas, and had been hospitalized.

Of cases requiring hospitalization who reported employment, about 77% have been critical infrastructure workers, with a broad range of affected occupational sectors, including: healthcare, public health, food and agriculture, public works, and other essential functions. Of cases requiring hospitalization, most have been either over 60 years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Of the 94 total deaths reported to date, about 40% have been associated with long-term care facilities.

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

“Today ties for our deadliest day thus far in the COVID-19 pandemic in Dallas County. The residents who died yesterday range in age from a teenager in Lancaster to a man in his 90s who was long-term care facility resident in Dallas. Today also ranked as the highest day of new reported cases in Dallas, said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

“With the Governor’s decree yesterday opening up more businesses throughout Texas, both North Texas business owners and residents must be particularly careful in making their best personal responsibility choices. The White House and most public health experts are cautioning that the safety precautions should not be loosened until deaths and new cases have seen a two week decline and there is sufficient testing in the state to provide protection to workers and patrons in the newly open businesses. Unfortunately, none of these criteria have been met in either the state or in North Texas. So it’s particularly important that you exercise good personal decisions to keep you, your family and our community safe.

“Remember, the Governor’s orders may change but the underlying science will not. I strongly recommend everyone take their advice from the CDC and local health authorities as to what is safe for them, their families and our broader community.”

All Dallas County COVID-19 Updates and Information can be found here:

<https://www.dallascounty.org/covid-19/>

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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