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**Dallas County Reports 197 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases**

**DALLAS --** As of 11:00am May 27, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 197 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 9,385, including 221 deaths.

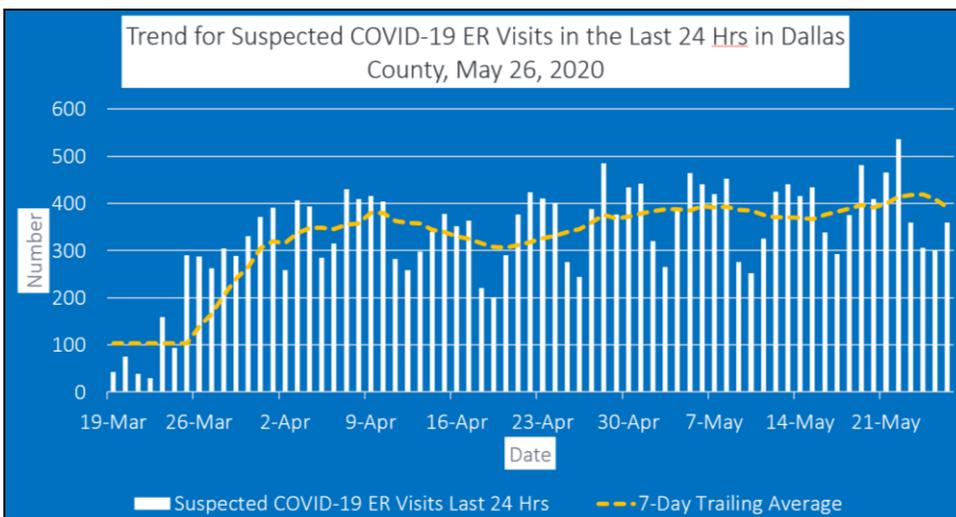
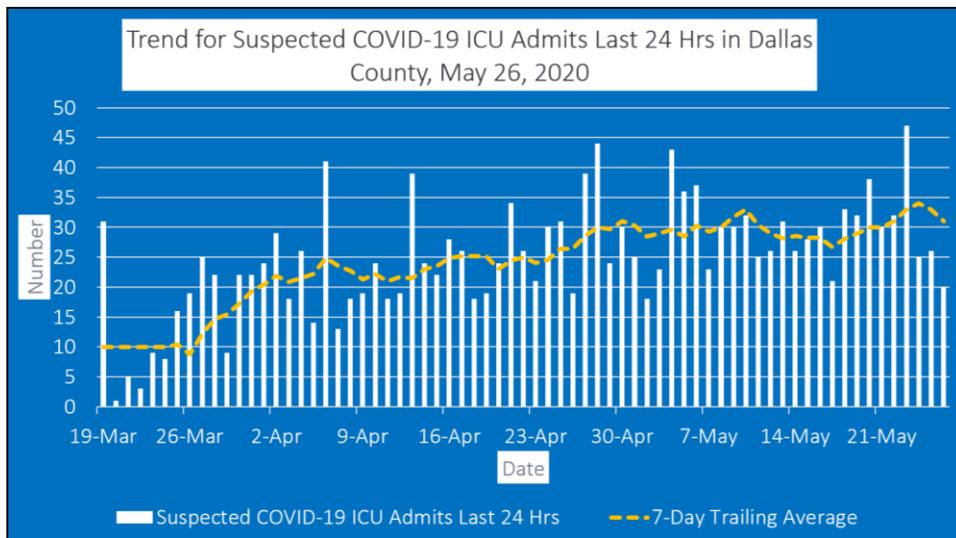
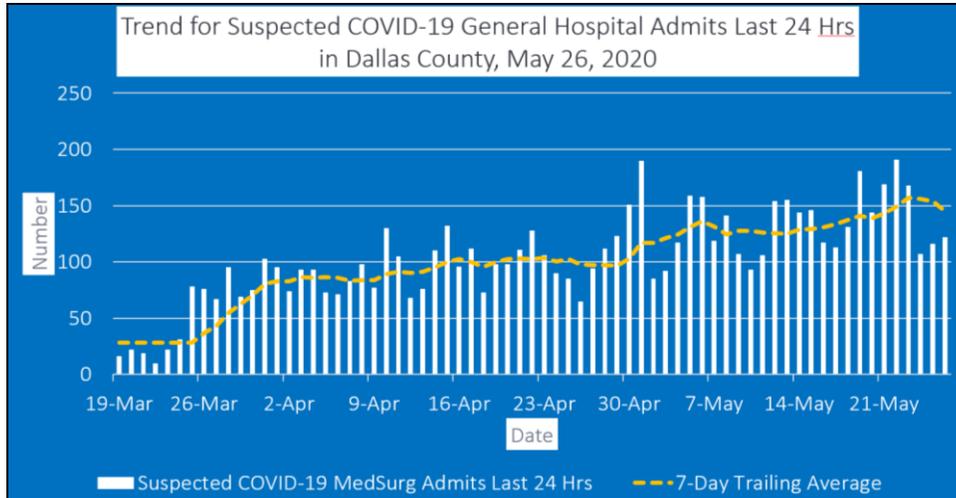
The additional 8 deaths are being reported today include:

- A man in his 30's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and was found deceased at home. He did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 40's who was a resident of the City of Dallas and had been critically ill in an area hospital. He had underlying high risk health conditions.
- A man in his 50'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 the City of Dallas and had been hospitalized. She 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 Dallas and had been critically ill in an area hospital. She did not have underlying high risk health conditions.
- A woman in her 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility in the City of Mesquite and expired in the facility. She had underlying high risk health conditions.
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Of cases requiring hospitalization who reported employment, over 80% have been critical infrastructure workers, with a broad range of affected occupational sectors, including: healthcare, transportation, food and agriculture, public works, finance, communications, clergy, first responders and other essential functions. Of cases requiring hospitalization, two-thirds have been under 65 years of age, and about half do not have high-risk chronic health conditions. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19. Of the 221 total deaths reported to date, over a third 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.

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. Suspected COVID-19 hospitalizations, ICU Admissions, and ER visits continue to remain flat in Dallas County according to information reported to the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. You can find additional information on risk-level monitoring data [here](#).



“Today’s numbers are a somber reminder of the need to continue with the ‘Stay Home Stay Safe’ safety measures that have proven effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Avoid unnecessary crowds, maintain 6 foot social distancing when out of the home, wear a face covering as a sign of respect and kindness to your fellow man when on public transportation or at a business, and use good hand hygiene. You can find the local health expert guidelines for which activities are safe for your family and how best to perform them at [www.DallasCountyCOVID.org](http://www.DallasCountyCOVID.org). Remember, it’s up to all of us to flatten the curve, #StayHomeSaveLives,” said Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins.

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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