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Dallas County Reports 108 Additional Positive 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases

DALLAS -- As of 10:00 am April 9, 2020, Dallas County Health and Human Services is reporting 108 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 1,432. The 21st and 22nd deaths from COVID-19 were reported, including a man in his 80's who was a resident of a long-term care facility who had been in hospice care, and a man in his 70's who was a resident of the city of DeSoto who had been hospitalized. Of cases requiring hospitalization, about three-quarters (70%) 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 over a quarter (29%) of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19.

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

“COVID-19 is imposing on us in so many painful ways but it will not break the spirit of North Texas! For instance, this year's Passover is different but no less special. The story of Passover is one of families safe in their homes as the Angel bringing death passes over them. I find comfort in this story and in my gratitude to all who are sacrificing to keep us safe,” 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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