

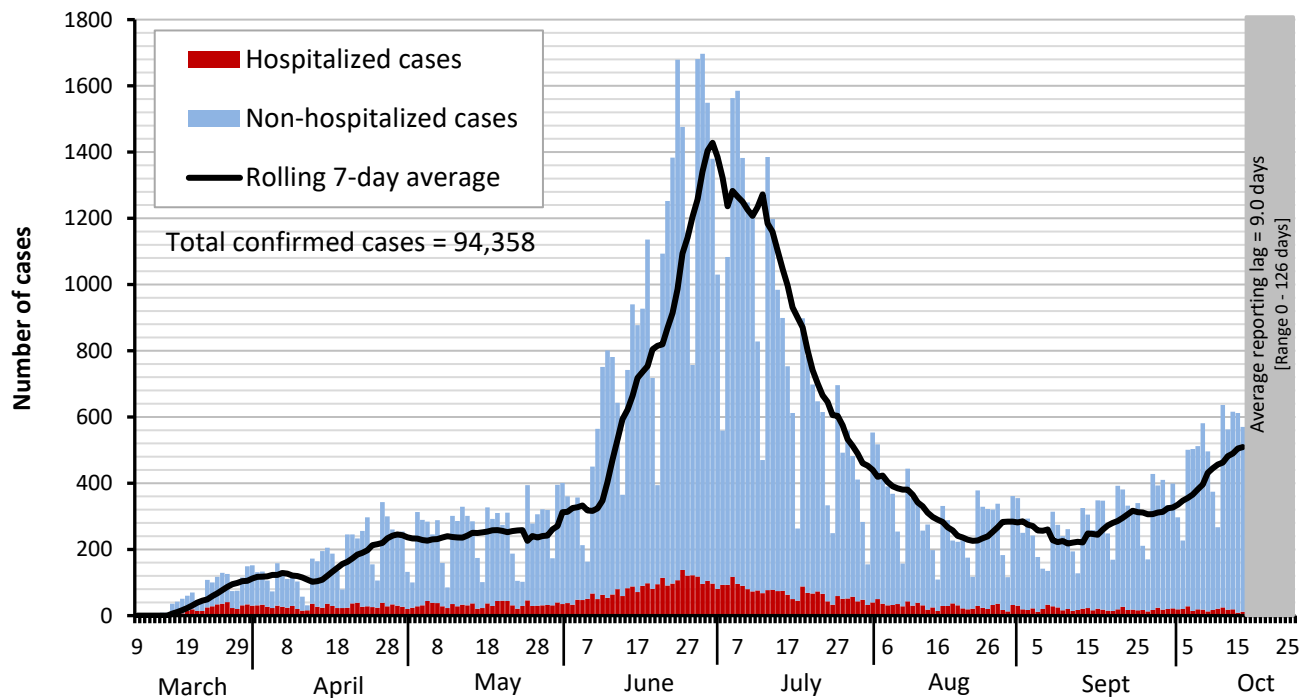


Dallas County Health and Human Services 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary

October 27, 2020

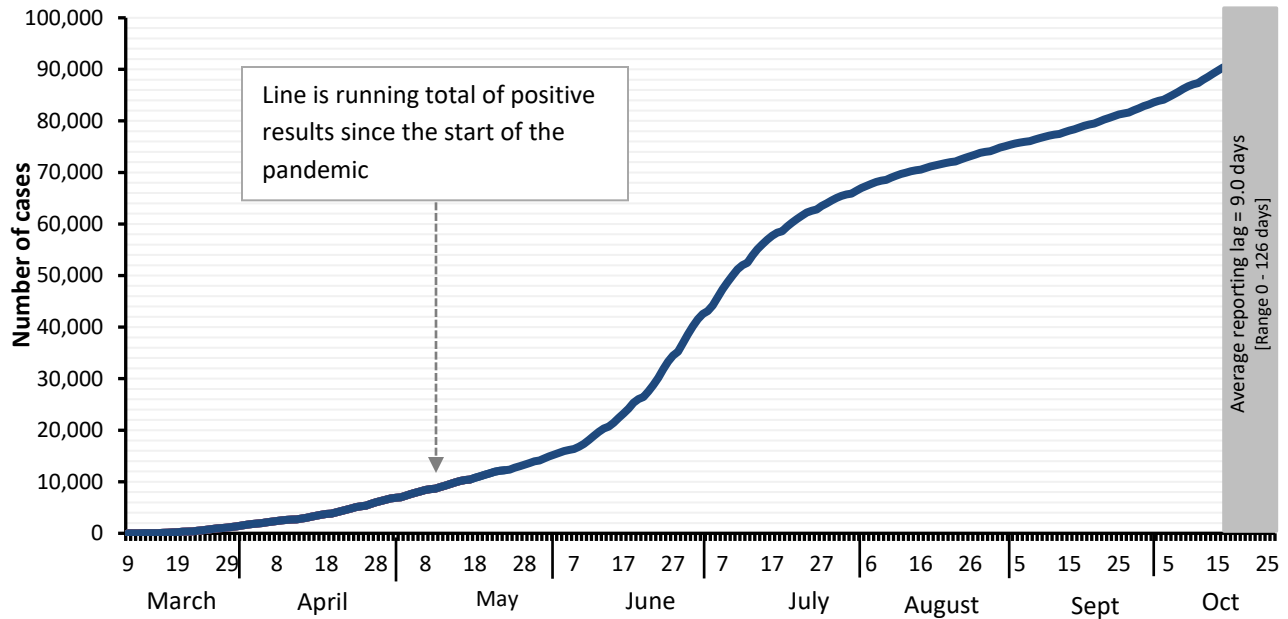
- As of October 27, 2020, DCHHS is reporting an additional 419 confirmed and 178 probable cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The cumulative total number of confirmed cases in Dallas County is 94,358 including 1,101 confirmed deaths. The total probable case count is 5,413 including 14 probable deaths from COVID-19.
- The provisional seven-day average daily new confirmed and probable cases (by date of test collection) for CDC week 42 was 588 – the highest daily average of new COVID-19 cases since July.
- The percentage of respiratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 has increased to 14.2% of symptomatic patients presenting to area hospitals testing positive in week 42 (week ending 10/17/2020).
- A provisional total of 493 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases were diagnosed in school-aged children (5 to 17 years) during CDC week 42 – almost twice the numbers of children diagnosed in this age group 3 weeks earlier (CDC week ending 9/26/2020).
- Of the 8,635 cases requiring hospitalization to date, almost three-quarters (70%) have been under 65 years of age, and over half reported having a chronic health condition. Diabetes has been an underlying high-risk health condition reported in about a third of all hospitalized patients with COVID-19.
- Twenty-four percent (24%) of reported COVID-19 deaths have been associated with long-term care facilities.

Figure 1. Confirmed COVID-19 positive cases by date of test collection, Dallas County: March 10 – October 27, 2020¹⁻⁴



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2. Data are incomplete for the most recent dates. Test results may be reported to DCHHS several days after the result. The reporting lag is calculated as time from specimen collection to receipt of test results. The average reporting lag is 9.0 days, with a range from 0 – 126 days.
3. This summary graph includes only confirmed cases based on molecular amplification detection test results.
4. Bars are the number of positive molecular amplification detection tests which were collected that day.
5. Rolling 7-day average is the average number of new confirmed COVID-19 cases collected 7 days prior to value.

Figure 2. Cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases by date of test collection, Dallas County: March 10 – October 27, 2020¹⁻²



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Table 1. Source of laboratory testing for confirmed cases of COVID-19, Dallas County

Source of Laboratory Testing for Reported Positive Molecular Amplification Detection Tests	# Tests (N=94,358)	% of Total Cases
Commercial or Hospital Laboratory*	82,387	98%
Dallas LRN Laboratory	1,695	<2%
Other Public Health Laboratory	276	<1%

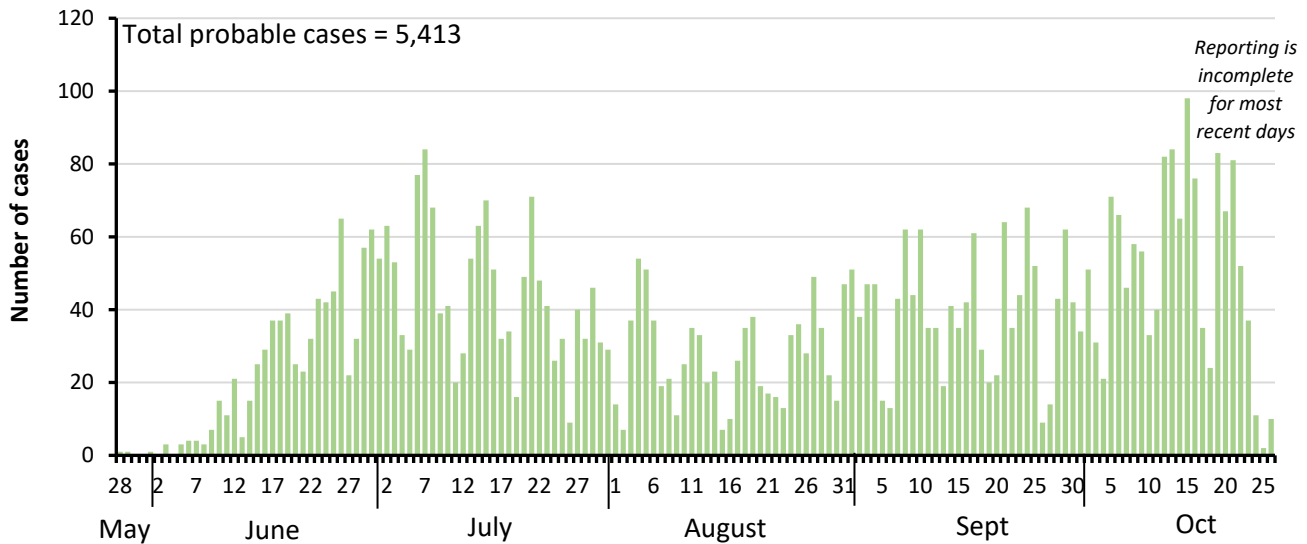
* Includes: AIT, ARUP, CPL, Excelsior, LabCorp, Magnolia, Medfusion, Prism, Quest, Viracor, and multiple hospital laboratories

Table 2. Characteristics of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases, Dallas County: March 9 – October 27, 2020

	Number	% of Total Cases*
Total Cases in Dallas County residents	N = 94,358	100%
Age Group (years)	0 to 17	11%
	18 to 40	46%
	41 to 64	34%
	≥65	9%
Sex	Female	51%
	Male	49%
Not Hospitalized (Includes: Outpatient, urgent care, drive-through, ED)	85,723	91%
Ever Hospitalized	8,635	9%

* Percentages calculated among cases with known age/sex

Figure 3. Probable COVID-19 cases by date of test collection, Dallas County: May 28 – October 27, 2020¹⁻⁵



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2. Data are incomplete for the most recent dates. Test results may be reported to DCHHS several days after the result. The reporting lag is calculated as time from specimen collection to receipt of test results.
3. This summary graph includes only probable cases which meet below CDC case definition. Probable cases are reported separately from confirmed cases.

Table 3. Characteristics of cumulative probable COVID-19 cases, Dallas County: May 28 – October 27, 2020

		Number	% of Total Cases*
Total Probable Cases in Dallas County residents		N = 5,413	100%
Age Group (years)	0 to 17	1,381	26%
	18 to 40	2,529	48%
	41 to 64	1,217	22%
	≥65	280	4%
Sex	Female	2,748	51%
	Male	2,637	49%

*Percentages calculated among cases with known age/sex

CDC Definition of a COVID-19 case:

"A COVID-19 case includes [confirmed and probable cases and deaths](#). This change was made to reflect an interim [COVID-19 position](#) statement issued by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists on April 5, 2020. The position statement included a case definition and made COVID-19 a [nationally notifiable disease](#)."

CDC Definition of a COVID-19 probable case:

"A [probable case or death](#) is defined as:

- A person meeting [clinical criteria](#) **AND** [epidemiologic evidence](#) with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19;
- A person meeting [presumptive laboratory evidence](#) **AND** either [clinical criteria](#) **OR** [epidemiologic evidence](#);
- A person meeting [vital records criteria](#) with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19."

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention FAQ: COVID-19 Data and Surveillance:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/faq-surveillance.html>

**See also Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Case Definition:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/docs/DSHS-COVID19CaseDefinitionandInvestigationPrioritizationGuidance.pdf>

Table 4. Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by age group and month of collection, Dallas County

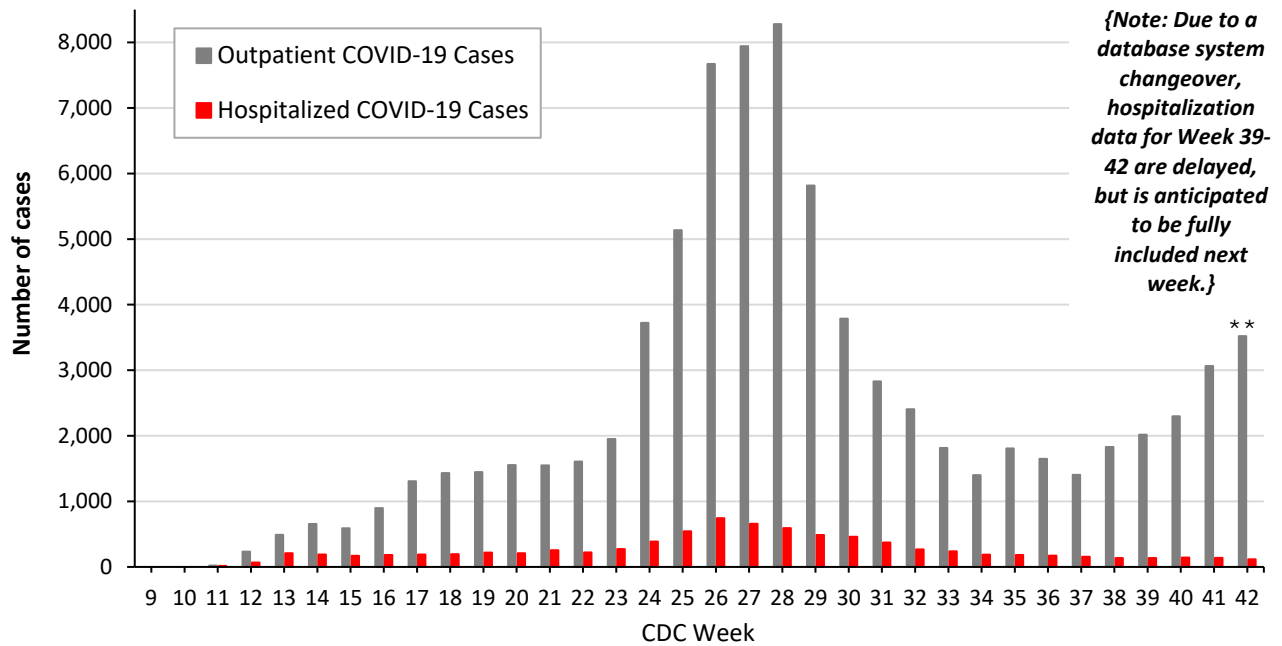
Age Group (in years)	0 to 17		18 to 22		23 to 39		40 to 64		≥65	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
March	27	2%	52	4%	430	31%	642	47%	224	16%
April	294	6%	298	6%	1,600	31%	2,303	44%	645	13%
May	755	10%	601	9%	2,403	32%	2,937	39%	770	10%
June	2,378	10%	2,262	9%	9,884	41%	7,836	33%	1,675	7%
July	3,160	12%	2,374	9%	8,854	34%	9,564	36%	2,328	9%
August	1,050	12%	953	11%	2,795	32%	3,108	35%	913	10%
September	908	11%	999	12%	2,856	35%	2,790	34%	675	8%
October (thru 10/27)	1,444	13%	945	8%	3,708	34%	3,800	35%	1,080	10%

Table 5. Confirmed and Probable School-Aged Cases (5 to 17 years) by CDC week of test collection

City of Residence	Week 37 (ending 9/12)	Week 38 (ending 9/19)	Week 39 (ending 9/26)	Week 40 (ending 10/3)	Week 41 (ending 10/10)	Week 42 (ending 10/17)
Addison	1	1	2	1	0	0
Balch Springs	5	6	2	2	4	6
Carrollton	2	6	7	5	7	19
Cedar Hill	5	3	1	5	9	9
Cockrell Hill	0	2	0	0	0	0
Combine	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coppell	2	4	5	2	3	13
Dallas	61	105	95	128	217	232
DeSoto	5	8	6	3	10	13
Duncanville	5	1	3	4	7	5
Farmers Branch	2	0	6	4	5	7
Ferris	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	35	31	30	31	31	39
Glenn Heights	1	1	0	0	0	1
Grand Prairie	14	12	9	20	32	24
Highland Park	0	2	4	2	2	2
Hutchins	0	0	0	0	3	0
Irving	15	16	24	25	44	50
Lancaster	2	3	2	5	6	6
Lewisville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mesquite	14	12	23	27	39	43
Ovilla	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson	6	8	11	7	8	14
Rowlett	1	6	7	14	8	1
Sachse	0	2	2	3	1	2
Seagoville	2	0	2	6	1	2
Sunnyvale	2	1	2	0	1	0
University Park	1	3	6	8	5	4
Wilmer	0	1	0	1	2	1
Wylie	0	0	2	0	1	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	181	234	251	303	446	493

1. Children ages 5 to 17 years of age residing in Dallas County, with positive molecular or antigen test results received as of 8:00 pm yesterday. All data are preliminary and subject to change as cases continue to be investigated
2. Does not include individuals who attend a school in Dallas County, but does not reside in Dallas County. Does not include staff.

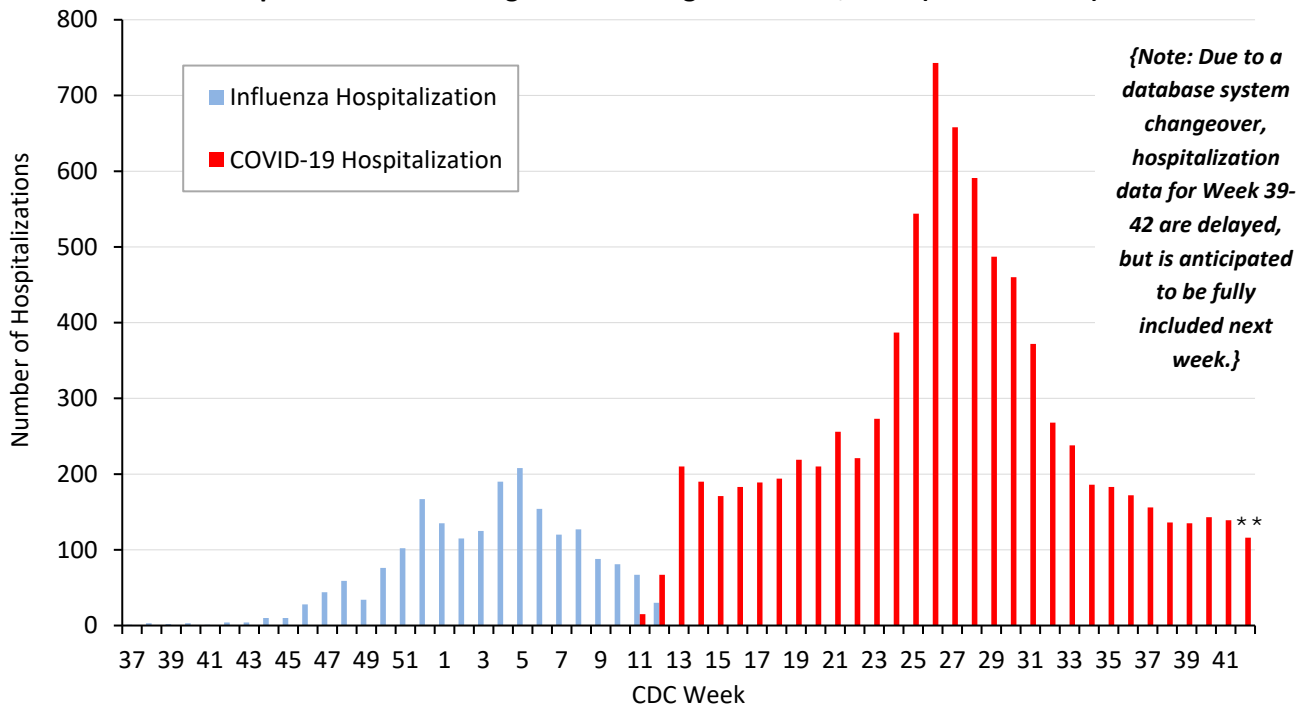
Figure 5. Non-hospitalized and hospitalized confirmed COVID-19 cases by week of test collection, Dallas County: September 2019 through week ending October 17, 2020 (CDC Week 42)*



* Non-hospitalized includes all patients not admitted to acute-care hospitals (e.g. outpatient, urgent care, drive-through, ED-only, LTCF) and diagnosed with confirmed COVID-19. All data are preliminary and subject to change as cases continue to be received and investigated.

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Figure 6. Influenza and confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations by week of admission, Dallas County: September 2019 through week ending October 17, 2020 (CDC Week 42)*



* Hospitalized Dallas County residents diagnosed with confirmed COVID-19 by molecular amplification detection testing. All data are preliminary and subject to change as cases continue to be received and investigated.

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Table 6. Characteristics of cumulative hospitalized confirmed COVID-19 cases, Dallas County: March 10 – October 27, 2020

		Hospitalized Cases	%
<i>Ever Hospitalized</i>		N = 8,635	9% of Total Cases
Admitted to Intensive Care Unit		2,025	23%
Mechanical Ventilation		1,091	13%
Sex	Male	4,528	52%
	Female	4,107	48%
Age Group (years)	0-17	228	3%
	18-40	2,003	23%
	41-64	3,757	44%
	≥65	2,647	30%
Presence of ≥1 high risk condition		4,864	56%
Diabetes		2,585	30%
Lung Disease (e.g. COPD, asthma)		915	11%
Heart Disease (e.g. CHF)		1,173	14%
Kidney Disease (e.g. ESRD, dialysis)		915	11%
Cancer, Immune-compromise		596	7%
Obesity		1,484	17%
Race/ Ethnicity	White	1,453	17%*
	Hispanic	4,423	51%*
	Black	1,878	22%*
	Other	307	3%*
	Non-reported/ Unknown	571	7%

* Percentages can also be calculated to exclude cases for which race/ethnicity was not reported

Table 7. Characteristics of cumulative confirmed COVID-19 deaths, Dallas County: March 10 – October 27, 2020

<i>Death classified as confirmed if decedent was a Dallas County resident with a positive molecular test. Data are obtained from ME office, hospitals, and vital statistics.</i>		Confirmed Deaths	% ¹
		N = 1,101	1.2% of Total Cases
Sex	Male	695	63%
	Female	406	37%
Age Group (years)	0-17	2	<1%
	18-40	50	5%
	41-64	361	33%
	≥65	688	62%
Resident of a Long-Term Care Facility		267	24%
Presence of ≥1 high risk condition		818	78%
Diabetes		501	48%
Race/ Ethnicity	White	278	25% (29% of population) ²
	Hispanic	512	47% (41% of population) ²
	Black	267	24% (24% of population) ²
	Asian	31	3% (7% of population) ²

¹ Percentages calculated among those with known underlying health conditions or race/ethnicity as reported by medical provider

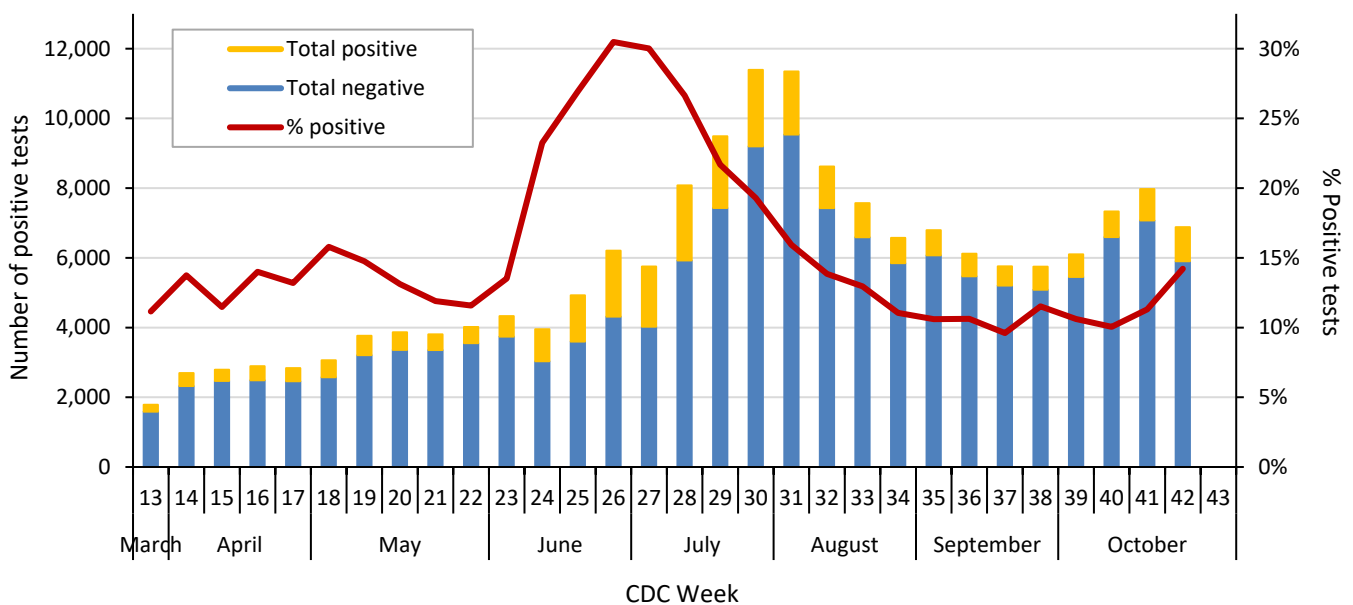
² 2019 U.S. Census population estimates for Dallas County

Table 8. Respiratory virus testing by North Texas hospitals participating in public health surveillance programs: August 9 – October 17, 2020 (CDC Weeks 33-42)¹⁻²

Week Ending		8/15	8/22	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19	9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17
SARS-CoV-2	Positive	981	726	720	650	553	662	647	737	901	978
	Total Tests	7,570	6,572	6,793	6,119	5,757	5,748	6,098	7,331	7,974	6,880
Novel Coronavirus	% Positive	13.0%	11.0%	10.6%	10.6%	9.6%	11.5%	10.6%	10.1%	11.3%	14.2%
Influenza	Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Tests	78	65	136	199	185	190	215	231	91	105
	% Positive	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Seasonal (non-SARS-2) Coronavirus	Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Tests	35	23	45	62	71	37	72	60	69	83
	% Positive	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Adenovirus (respiratory)	Positive	1	0	1	1	2	0	3	2	1	4
	Total Tests	77	65	128	178	158	136	168	162	69	83
	% Positive	1.3%	0%	0.8%	0.6%	1.3%	0%	1.8%	1.2%	1.4%	4.8%
Metapneumovirus	Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Tests	77	65	128	178	158	136	168	162	69	83
	% Positive	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Rhinovirus/Enterovirus	Positive	5	4	16	16	21	21	26	23	21	36
	Total Tests	77	65	128	178	158	136	168	162	69	83
	% Positive	6.5%	6.1%	12.5%	9.0%	13.3%	15.4%	15.5%	14.2%	30.4%	43.4%
RSV	Positive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Tests	78	65	113	187	164	147	189	185	91	105
	% Positive	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Data sources: National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System and an additional subset of hospitals voluntarily reporting surveillance PCR data directly to DCHHS. Testing denominators include out-of-county patients and testing performed only through hospitals in Dallas County. (Does not include FEMA drive-thru clinics). Data are incomplete for the most recent dates.

Figure 7. SARS-CoV-2 positive PCR tests reported to DCHHS by hospital laboratories: March 22 – October 17, 2020 (CDC Weeks 26-42)¹⁻²



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Table 9. Transmission risk factors for cumulative confirmed COVID-19 cases, Dallas County

Exposure Risk Factor	Cases (N= 94,358)	% of Total Cases
International Travel	124	0.1%
Domestic Travel (Out-of-state)	325	0.3%
Cruise Ship Travel	14	<0.1%
Long-Term Care Facility (Resident) ¹	1,674	1.8%
County Jail (Inmate)	753	0.8%
State Jail (Inmate-- TDCJ COVID-19 Medical Action Center) ²	96	0.1%
Federal Prison (Inmate) ³	1,396	1.5%
Homeless Shelter	93	0.1%
Meat/Food Processing Facilities	591	0.6%
Close contact or Presumed Community Transmission ⁴	89,231	94.6%

¹ Does not include over 565 COVID-19 cases reported in LTCF staff members employed by the > 112 affected LTCFs.

² Texas Department of Criminal Justice cases are under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of State Health Services for investigation

³ Federal prison cases are under the jurisdiction of the federal government for investigation, but are now included in total County cases

⁴ Includes: household transmission and cases with no other exposure risk factors identified

Table 10. Summary of weekly COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths from Dallas County hospitals, Vital Statistics and Medical Examiner’s office ¹⁻⁴

Week Ending	08/15	08/22	08/29	09/05	09/12	09/19	09/26	10/03	10/10	10/17	09/08/19– Present
CDC Week	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	Present
COVID-19 hospitalizations ¹	238	186	183	172	156	136	135	143	139	116	8,635*
COVID-19 ICU admissions ¹	64	44	37	23	34	26	23	25	28	26	2,025*
Probable COVID-19-associated deaths ²	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14*
Confirmed COVID-19-associated deaths ³	56	42	39	22	17	15	12	12	14	13	1,101*

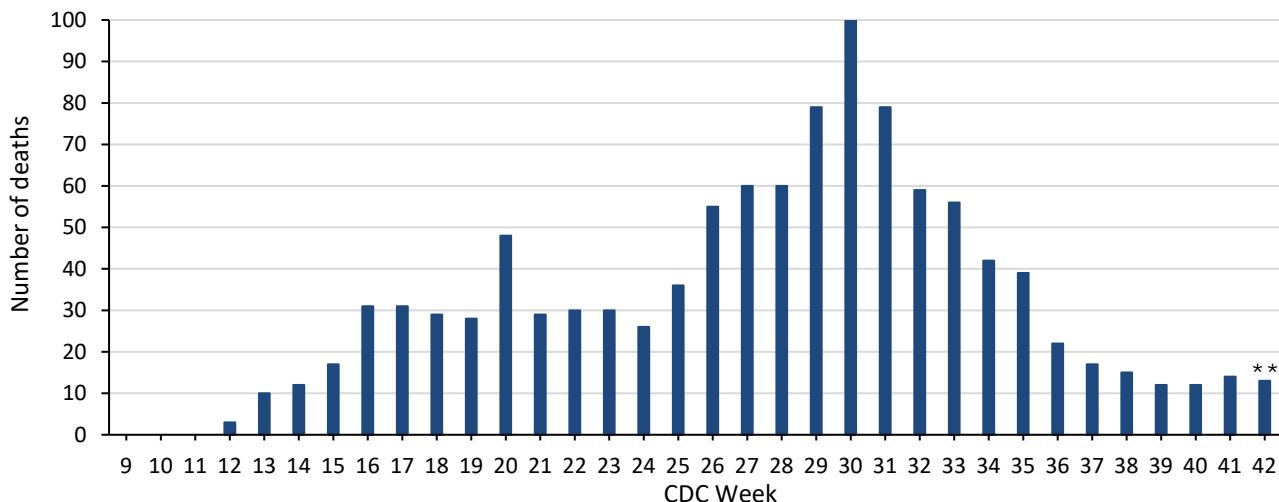
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¹ Reflects all COVID-19-associated hospitalizations and intensive care unit admissions reported from area hospitals within Dallas County by week of admission. Hospitalizations are inclusive of ICU admissions. Data are preliminary and include reports received as of 8:00 pm yesterday.

² Probable COVID-19 deaths as defined by CSTE interim case classification criteria--meeting vital records criteria without molecular lab test confirmation.

³ Confirmed COVID-19 deaths as defined by a positive molecular amplification detection test *and* any of the following: (1) death certificate denotation, (2) medical record documentation of compatible symptoms and clear progression from illness to death, or (3) determination by the County Medical Examiner’s office (ME) of no alternate cause of death. Does not include possible COVID-19 -associated deaths with pending determination of cause of death.

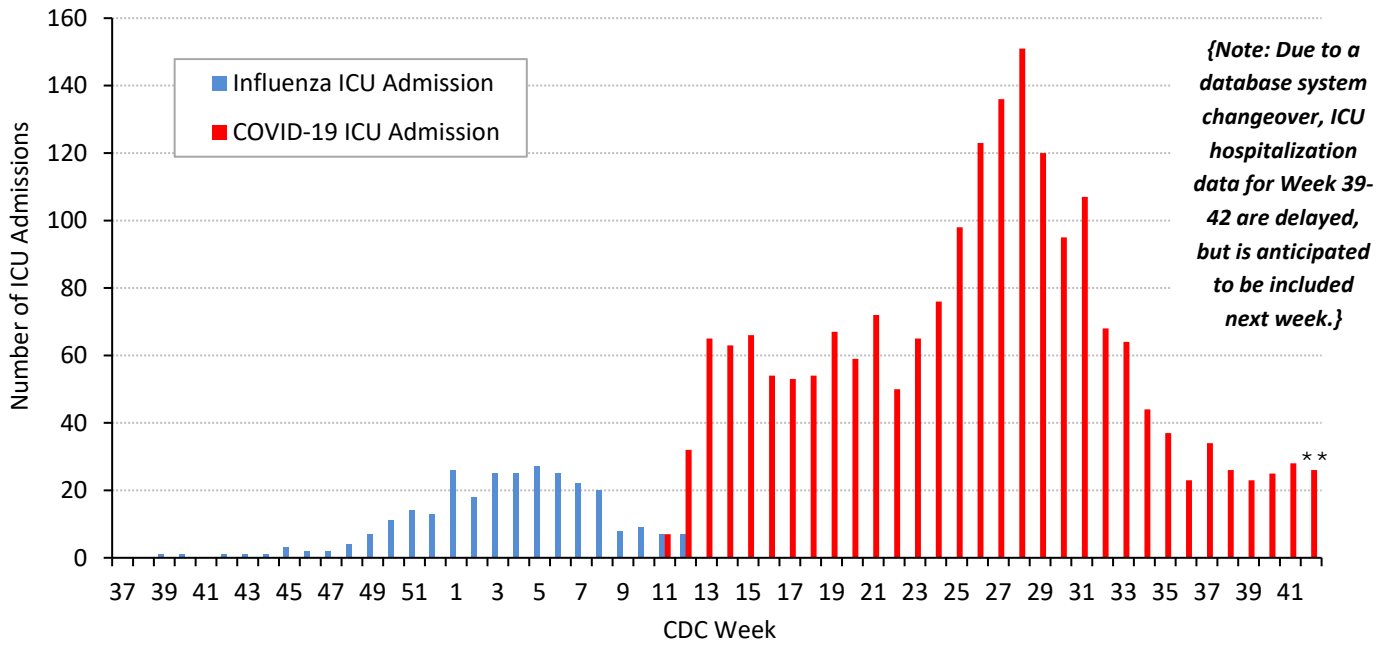
Figure 8. Confirmed COVID-19-associated deaths by week of death, Dallas County: March 2019 through week ending October 17, 2020 (CDC Week 42)*



* Dallas County residents diagnosed with confirmed COVID-19 by molecular amplification detection testing.

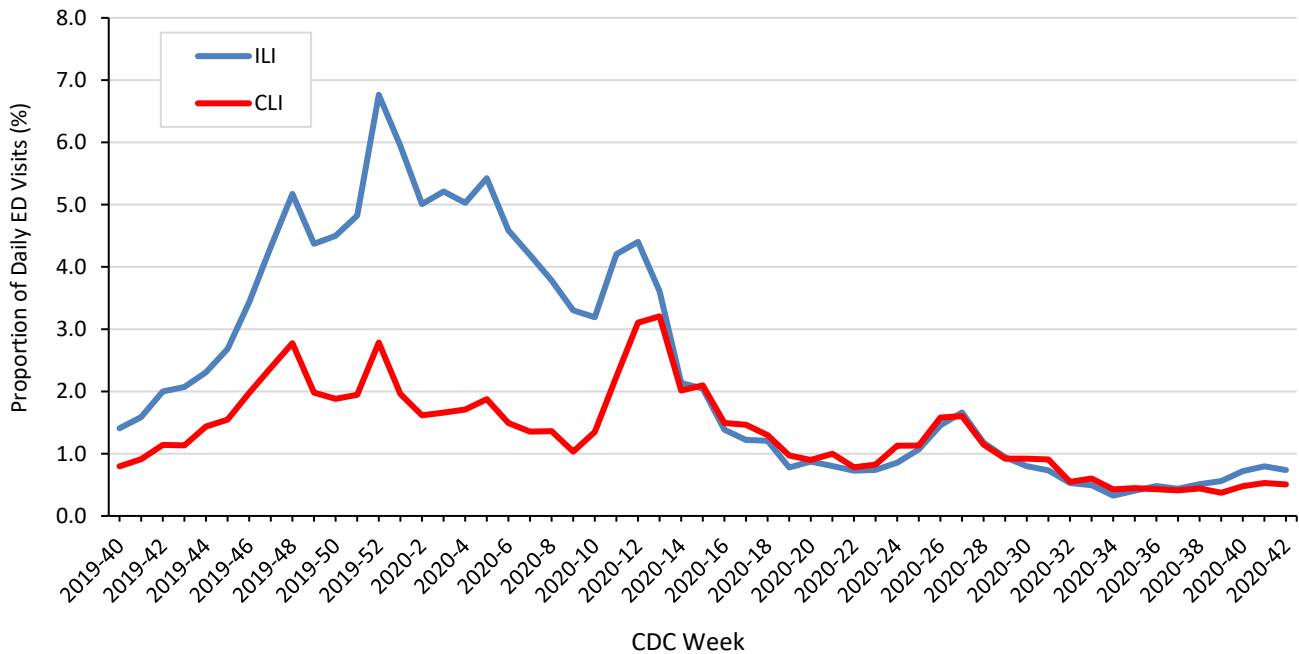
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Figure 9. Intensive care unit hospitalizations for influenza and COVID-19 by week of admission, Dallas County: September 2019 through week ending October 17, 2020 (CDC Week 42)*



* New ICU admissions of Dallas County residents reported with confirmed COVID-19 by molecular amplification detection testing as of 8:00 pm yesterday. Hospitalized patients with self-reported residence from outside of Dallas County are not included.
 ** All data are preliminary and subject to change as cases continue to be received and investigated.

Figure 10. Syndromic surveillance of emergency department visits for COVID-like illness (CLI)* and Influenza-like illness (ILI), Dallas County: September 29, 2019 – October 17, 2020 (CDC Week 42)**



ESSENCE Data is from 18 hospital emergency departments voluntarily reporting numbers of persons presenting with self-reported chief complaints.
 * CLI is defined as chief complaint of fever and cough or shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
 **ILI is defined as chief complaint of fever and cough or sore throat or mention of influenza.

Table 11. Cumulative COVID-19 cases by city of residence within Dallas County as of October 27, 2020*(e.g. Does not include cases who reside in portions of cities which are not within Dallas County.)*

<i>City of Residence</i>	Confirmed Cases (N=94,358)	Probable Cases (N=5,413)	Total Confirmed + Probable Cases reported in 14 day period from 10/4 – 10/17*	Estimated COVID-19 Prevalence (%) in 14 day period from 10/4 – 10/17** (lower – upper estimate range)
Addison	399	24	31	0.57 - 1.91
Balch Springs	1,027	58	81	0.97 - 3.24
Carrollton	1,634	93	158	0.83 - 2.78
Cedar Hill	1,549	77	160	1.01 - 3.38
Cockrell Hill	208	7	18	1.30 - 4.33
Combine	11	1	1	0.34 - 1.13
Coppell	554	139	82	0.61 - 2.02
Dallas	48,580	2,661	3,608	0.86 - 2.86
DeSoto	1,754	44	174	0.99 - 3.28
Duncanville	1,564	70	163	1.26 - 4.21
Farmers Branch	906	80	98	0.61 - 2.03
Ferris	5	0	0	N/A
Garland	8,487	115	643	0.81 - 2.68
Glenn Heights	221	13	23	0.67 - 2.24
Grand Prairie	4,841	536	443	1.00 - 3.32
Highland Park	115	48	14	0.46 - 1.54
Hutchins	257	3	12	0.61 - 2.05
Irving	9,345	367	838	1.05 - 3.49
Lancaster	1,439	47	130	0.99 - 3.31
Lewisville	1	1	0	N/A
Mesquite	5,378	448	483	1.03 - 3.43
Ovilla	1	0	0	N/A
Richardson	1,706	160	173	0.60 – 2.00
Rowlett	1,289	34	126	0.64 - 2.13
Sachse	287	8	35	0.59 - 1.96
Seagoville	2,044	42	53	0.94 - 3.15
Sunnyvale	170	33	25	1.10 - 3.65
University Park	335	297	68	0.82 - 2.72
Wilmer	239	5	17	1.07 - 3.56
Wylie	11	2	1	0.48 - 1.62
Dallas County	94,358	5,413	7,658	0.87 - 2.91

*Sum of confirmed and probable cases by date of test collection, for 14 day timeframe from: October 4– October 17, 2020. Most recent 2 weeks not included due to average reporting lag of 9.0 days. Case numbers are only for portions of each city which are within Dallas County.

**Estimated COVID-19 prevalence rate ranges calculated based on: Fox SJ, Lachmann M, Meyers LA. "COVID-19 Campus Introduction Risks for School Reopenings" presented to the TEA on July 22, 2020. Denominator populations are only for portions of each city which are within Dallas County.

https://sites.cns.utexas.edu/sites/default/files/cid/files/covid-19_school_introduction_risks.pdf?m=1595468503

Table 12. Summary of weekly COVID-19 confirmed and probable cases and deaths, Dallas County (CDC Weeks 29 - 42)

CDC Week	Week Ending	Total Confirmed and Probable Cases	Total School-Aged Cases (5 to 17 years)	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Cases*	Daily Average New Confirmed and Probable Deaths**	Percentage of Tests Positive for SARS-CoV-2***
29	7/18/2020	6,633	675	948	11	21.7%
30	7/25/2020	4,521	486	646	15	19.3%
31	8/1/2020	3,373	416	482	12	15.9%
32	8/8/2020	2,888	310	413	9	13.8%
33	8/15/2020	2,182	182	312	9	13.0%
34	8/22/2020	1,742	187	249	6	11.0%
35	8/29/2020	2,203	184	315	6	10.6%
36	9/5/2020	2,054	149	293	3	10.6%
37	9/12/2020	1,854	181	265	2	9.6%
38	9/19/2020	2,206	234	315	2	11.5%
39	9/26/2020	2,438	251	348	2	10.6%
40	10/3/2020	2,707	303	387	2	10.1%
41	10/10/2020	3,545	446	506	2	11.3%
42	10/17/2020	4,113	493	588	2	14.2%

* For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of test collection

** For 7-day time period for respective CDC week by date of death

*** See Table 6 for historical data

Many Thanks to:

Our area hospitals and healthcare providers for reporting lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases

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New COVID-19 cases are reported as a daily aggregate, with this cumulative summary updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

DCHHS COVID-19 Summaries and Case Report Form are accessible at:

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

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