



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

March 24, 2020

- As of 10:00 am March 24, 2020, DCHHS is reporting 14 additional positive cases of 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19), bringing the total case count in Dallas County to 169, including 5 deaths.
- Of the cases requiring hospitalization, about two-thirds (67%) have been either over 60 years of age or have had at least one known high-risk chronic health condition.
- New cases are reported as a daily aggregate, with more detailed summaries updated Tuesdays and Fridays.

Table 1. Summary of COVID-19 Cases, Dallas County: March 10, 2020 – March 24, 2020*
(Total cases = 169)

*The data in this summary reflect cumulative data received as of 8:00 pm, March 23, 2020. All data are preliminary and subject to change as cases represented are being actively investigated, and may be updated between press releases. Includes only cases in Dallas County residents.

Age Group	Numbers	% of Total Cases
0 to 17	1	0.6%
18 to 40	61	36.0%
41 to 60	60	35.5%
over 60	47	27.8%
Sex		
Female	63	37.2%
Male	106	62.7%
City of Residence		
Addison	2	1.2%
Balch Springs	2	1.2%
Carrollton	4	2.4%
Cedar Hill	5	3.0%
Coppell	3	1.8%
Dallas	103	61.0%
DeSoto	8	4.7%
Farmers Branch	3	1.8%
Garland	4	2.4%
Grand Prairie	3	1.8%
Highland Park/ University Park	8	4.7%
Irving	11	6.5%
Mesquite	7	4.1%
Richardson	5	3.0%
Rowlett	1	0.6%

Medical Visit Type		
Not Hospitalized*	108	63.9%
Outpatient/ Urgent Care/ Drive-through	33	30.5%
Emergency Dept	75	69.5%
Ever Hospitalized**	61	36.1%
Admitted to Intensive Care Unit	21	34.4%
Mechanical Ventilation	9	14.8%
Deaths	5	3.0%

Source of Laboratory Testing for Reported Positive Tests		
Commercial or Hospital Laboratory	145	85.8%
DCHHS LRN Laboratory	24	14.2%
Other Public Health Laboratory (out of state)	2	1.2%

Figure 1. COVID-19 Cases by Date of Specimen Collection, Dallas County: March 10, 2020 – March 23, 2020*

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** Reporting lag = Time from specimen collection to receipt of test results

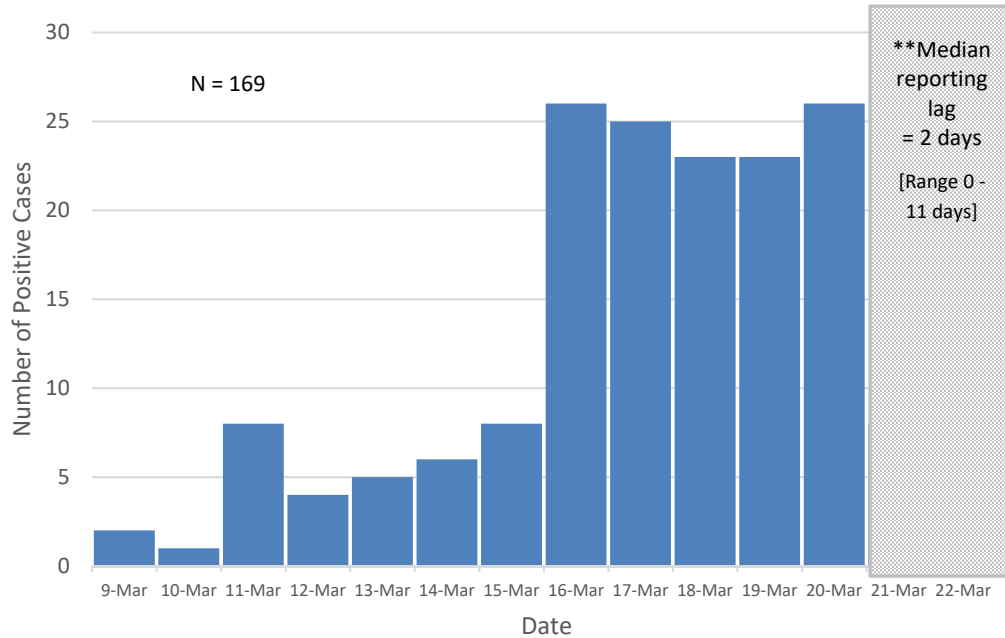
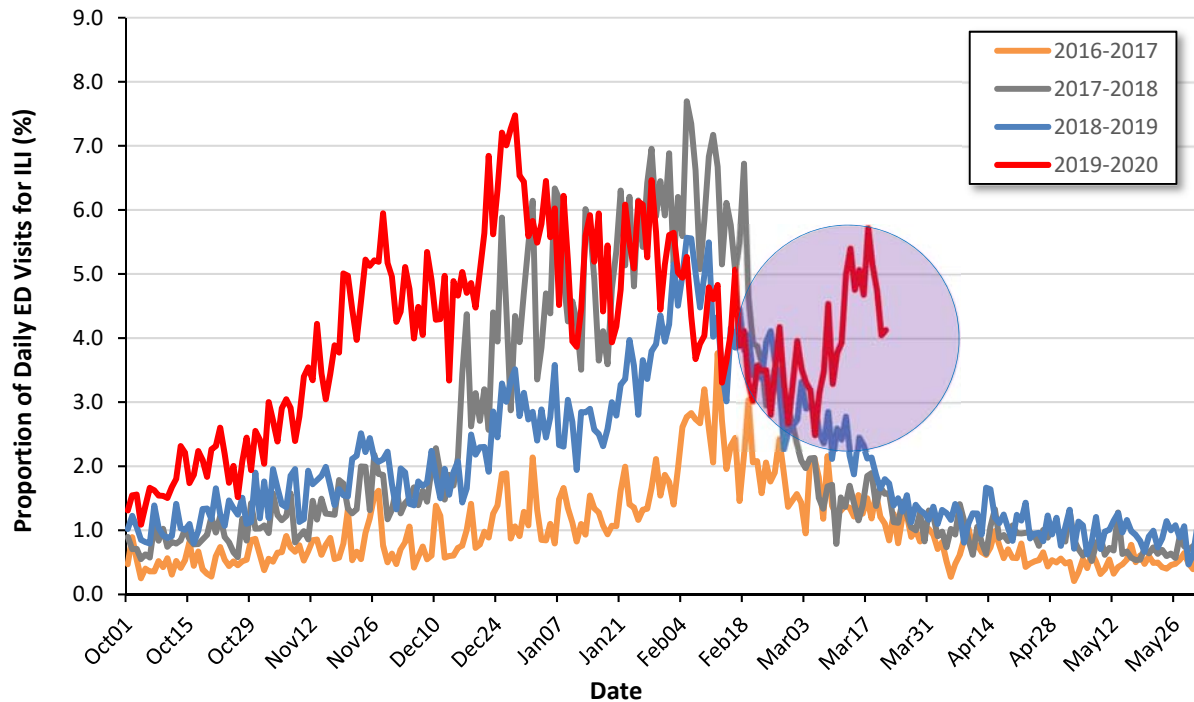


Figure 2. Syndromic Surveillance of Emergency Department Visits for Influenza-like Illness* (ILI), Dallas County Proportion of Daily ED Visits for ILI Comparing Four Influenza Seasons: 2016 – March 23, 2020



* ILI is defined as presence of fever and cough or sore throat or mention of influenza. Data is from 18 hospital emergency departments voluntarily reporting numbers of persons presenting with self-reported chief complaints of ILI. The recent increase in ILI visits (highlighted in circle) is unusual for this time of year. N.B.: Recent decline should not be interpreted that pandemic has peaked, since day of week variation occurs in ED visits.