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First COVID-19 Related Death and 13 Additional Cases in Denton County

March 26, 2020 – Denton County Public Health (DCPH) has announced the first COVID-19 related death in Denton County. The patient, a male resident of Lewisville in his 40s who was hospitalized in Denton County, was the county’s first case of community transmitted COVID-19. To respect and honor the family, no further personal information will be released.

“Today, as we announce the first death related to COVID-19, we want to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the individual. Our thoughts and prayers are with you,” said Denton County Judge Andy Eads.

“I also want to firmly reiterate the importance of heeding the mandatory stay-at-home order Denton County issued this week. We need everyone to heed these orders and stay home. This virus spreads easily and can lead to severe symptoms and death,” he said.

Denton County is currently under a Disaster Declaration of Public Health Emergency closing all non-essential businesses and limiting all travel to essential trips only, as mandated by Judge Eads.

“We are saddened by this tragic loss but know the worst is yet to come in Denton County as we deal with this highly contagious disease,” Judge Eads said. “We must work collectively to limit the spread of COVID-19. We simply cannot allow this disease to spread to the point of pushing our hospitals beyond their capabilities to cope.”

“We must all take this seriously,” he said. “It is a matter of life and death.”

DCPH has also announced 13 additional laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19, including one DSSLC resident. This increases the countywide total to 83 confirmed COVID-19 cases.

“We urge community members to honor this individual by staying home and offering compassion to others during this trying time,” stated Dr. Matt Richardson, Director of DCPH. “We remain hopeful that our community will see the benefits of physical distancing. The hope is this will ‘flatten the curve’ but it will require all of us to do our part.”

Patients diagnosed with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure. However, some patients can have more severe symptoms, complications, and/or death. Should individuals experience more severe symptoms, DCPH encourages individuals to call their health care provider or emergency department prior to arrival, to limit exposure.

DCPH continues to investigate and confirm data from known cases as it becomes available. Jurisdictional data in the daily case count table may be updated due to the provision of additional clarifying information. Visit www.dentoncounty.gov/COVID19 for additional local information regarding COVID-19, including information for community members, travelers, and healthcare providers.



COVID-19 Confirmed Cases in Denton County

Total Cases	83		
Total Deaths	1		
Town/City			
Aubrey	1	Lake Dallas	1
Carrollton	9	Lewisville	7
The Colony	4	Little Elm	4
Dallas	2	Pilot Point	1
Denton	14	Plano	1
Double Oak	1	Prosper	5
Flower Mound	7	Roanoke	0
Frisco	12	Trophy Club	5
Highland Village	1	Unincorporated Denton County	7
Justin	1		
Age			
0 – 19	0		
20 – 29	13		
30 – 39	10		
40 – 49	14		
50 – 59	19		
60 – 69	21		
70 – 79	5		
80+	1		
Sex			
Male	47		
Female	36		
Initial Isolation Status			
Home	56		
Hospital	24		
Pending Investigation	3		
Transmission Type			
Recent Travel	32		
Local Transmission	40		
Contact with Confirmed Case	8		
Pending Investigation	3		

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