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March 18, 2022

Council Update

COVID-19 Update



TODAY'S COVID-19 RISK LEVEL

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| HIGH RISK OF TRANSMISSION | EXTREME CAUTION | PROCEED CAREFULLY | NEW NORMAL UNTIL YOU'RE VACCINATED |
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On February 25, 2022, Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins amended the County's [face mask order](#) to require face coverings only in long-term care facilities, health care facilities,

and certain congregate settings like detention facilities and homeless shelters. Judge Jenkins [rescinded the order](#) requiring masks in long-term care facilities on March 8. This rescission order does not apply to employees, patients, and visitors to healthcare facilities or employees, residents, and visitors to congregate facilities. Those requirements will remain in place and continue to be in effect until further notice.

For the second time in less than a month, Dallas County has lowered the COVID-19 risk level. On February 21, Dallas County lowered it from red to orange and on March 16 Judge Jenkins announced that it had been lowered to yellow.

According to a recent [report by UT Southwestern Medical Center](#), the number of people hospitalized due to COVID-19 in both Dallas and Tarrant County continues to decline and further decreases are predicted going forward. Test positivity rates also continue to decline, reaching near-record lows statewide, and both emergency room visits and new hospital admissions are flattening out at low levels. Southwestern forecasts that Dallas County's total COVID-19 hospitalizations should be below 100 by late March if current trends hold. New COVID-19 infections are projected to fall below roughly 200 new COVID-19 infections per day by late March.

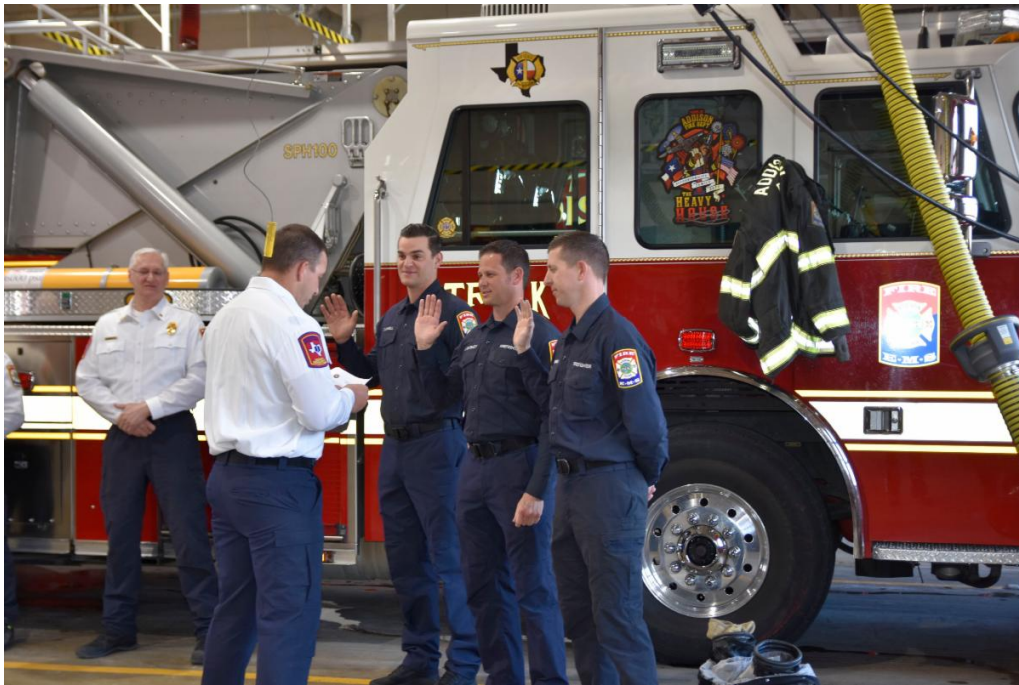
The CDC recently launched a [new tool](#) to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high based on the number of hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Currently, Dallas County's community level is rated as "low," so the CDC recommends residents stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines and get tested if they have symptoms.

| Low | Medium | High |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask indoors in public Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines Get tested if you have symptoms Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness |
| <p>People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Masks are required on public transportation and may be required in other places by local or state authorities.</p> | | |

[Dallas County Health and Human Services' website](#) reports that 99% of Addison residents over 18 years old have received at least one vaccination dose and 85% are fully vaccinated.

Public Safety Update

Addison Firefighters Officially Sworn In



On Tuesday, March 16, Fire Chief David Jones and Deputy Fire Chief CJ Alexander officially swore in three new firefighter/paramedics who have completed their year-long probationary period: Jeff Gateley, Cliff Askins, and Zack Lavell. Council Member Marlin Willeesen and City Manager Wes Pierson joined the honorees' friends, family, and fellow firefighters to support these brave men as they swore an oath to protect the Addison community. Thank you for your dedication.

Business Pulse

Meet and Greet at One Hanover Park



On the morning of Wednesday, March 16, the Addison Economic Development team hosted a meet and greet at the One Hanover Park office building. Economic Development and Tourism Director Orlando Campos, Economic Development Manager Wilson Kerr, and Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce CEO Hayden Austin met with Property Manager Amber Stugart before they greeted employees as they arrived at work, providing them with a light breakfast and thanking them for working in Addison. This event is hosted at a different office building in Addison each month. It is part of the department's business retention and expansion efforts to demonstrate the Town's appreciation for people who work in Addison and to the companies that call Addison home. Additionally, it is the opportunity to enhance the communication between the Town and local companies. The unique Monthly Meet and Greet Events have also been recognized by the International Economic Development Council with an award for Excellence in Economic Development.

One Hanover Park is home to companies and organizations such as Abilene Christian University, FIS, and Happy State Bank, just to name a few.

Around Town

Addison Road Closure at the DART Rail Crossing Postponed



DART's contractor Archer Western Herzog has postponed the closure of Addison Road between Arapaho Road and Lindbergh Drive which was scheduled for March 18 - 21 due to Monday's weather forecast. They have tentatively rescheduled the closure for Friday, March 25 - Monday, March 28, but will confirm that date with the Town early next week.

The scheduled closure is needed to complete the replacement of the DART rail line and concrete pavement approaches to the railroad crossing at Addison Road. Please check the Town's website and social media pages for more project updates next week.

We apologize for any inconvenience. For questions or concerns, please contact Archer Western Herzog Project Manager Marvin Jackson at (214) 585-7308 or Addison Senior Construction Inspector Phillip Willis at pwillis@addisontx.gov.

Addison's Community Garage Sale Returns April 23



After having been postponed due to COVID-19, Addison's Community Garage Sale returns on Saturday, April 23 from 9am - 2pm. The event will take place on Festival Way, just south of Addison Circle Park. You must be an Addison resident to be a garage sale




Addison Touch-a-Truck

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
ADDISON CONFERENCE CENTER PARKING LOT
10:00AM - 12:00PM

Come enjoy this, free, hands-on
 experience and explore all types of
 heavy machinery, emergency response
 vehicles and more!



Have you ever wanted to get up close and personal with some of the heavy machinery you see Addison staff using around Town? Addison Touch-a-Truck is your chance! Come enjoy this free hands-on experience and explore all types of heavy machinery, emergency response vehicles, and more! Bring the family to the Addison Conference Centre parking lot at 15650 Addison Road on Saturday, March 26 from 10am - noon.

Midway Road Update



With the pavement demolition completed, storm drainage improvements are currently under construction on the east side of Midway Road from Spring Valley Road to Proton Drive in preparation for the upcoming subgrade stabilization and new concrete pavement construction. The pavement construction work will be done in phases to maintain access to surrounding properties throughout construction. The contractor has four utility crews on the project and in addition to storm drainage improvements, they are installing new sanitary sewer lines from Beltwood Drive to Belt Line Road and new waterlines from Wright Brothers Drive to Lindbergh Drive. So, while driving through the Midway corridor, please pay close attention to the signage and barricading, as the traffic patterns through the area will change as various portions of the construction are undertaken.

ATMOS, Oncor, and several communication companies are working on relocating and upgrading their facilities in advance of the Midway Road Revitalization Project. The DART Silver Line construction is also under construction where it crosses Midway Road just north of the Arapaho Road Bridge.

You can register for Midway Road text updates by texting the word Midway to 888-777 or subscribe to email updates at www.Addisontexas.net/midway. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Outcry Theatre Presents *Charlotte's Web*



Opening March 18 at the Addison Theatre Centre, Outcry Youth Theatre's production of *Charlotte's Web* is the perfect family show. This adaptation of the classic book by E. B. White features a fantastic cast of 7 to 15-year-olds and runs through March 27. Get tickets and more information at <https://outcrytheatre.com/charlottes-web>.

Outcry is giving away free tickets to the first four Addison families who submit requests [here](#).

The Odd Couple Comes to WaterTower Theatre



WaterTower Theatre presents the Tony award-winning classic *The Odd Couple* March 30 - April 10. This comedy, which inspired both a hit movie and a TV series, centers around two unlikely roommates, uptight neat Felix Ungar and easygoing disheveled Oscar Madison. Learn more and purchase tickets at <https://watertowertheatre.org/>

How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

Website:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department-specific updates on department pages
- www.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

- www.addisontexas.net/Midway: Find information on the Midway Road Revitalization Project and subscribe for project email and text updates
- www.addisontexas.net/ClubRenovations: Find information on the Addison Athletic Club renovations and subscribe for project email and text updates
- www.addisonalert.com: Get alerts about severe weather and other emergencies in the Town of Addison, as well as register to receive updates on Town programs

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Newsletters: For a description of and to subscribe to all of Addison's newsletters, click [here](#).

If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300, Option 2

[Request Bulk Trash Pickup](#)

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

[Addison Website](#)

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[Community Crime Map](#)

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[Addison's PEG Channel](#)
**(channel 99 for AT&T subscribers,
channel 16 for Spectrum subscribers)**

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