MONTGOMERY COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, continues to encourage eligible populations to be fully vaccinated and receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Those who have been vaccinated and/or boosted tend to have mild symptoms and the majority can recover at home. Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: [https://www.vaccines.gov/](https://www.vaccines.gov/).

If you are diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19, please follow the CDC guidance here: [https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html).

MCPHD reports weekly on Tuesdays, but DSHS updates daily at this link: [https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc](https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc).

Since our last report on 2/22/2022:

- Total cases of COVID-19 increased by 675 to 135,370. *Total cases include confirmed (PCR testing) and probable (antigen testing) cases.*

- Deaths of Montgomery County residents have increased by 7 to 1,260 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, according to data from DSHS.

- 84 confirmed cases of COVID-19 are currently hospitalized in Montgomery County. SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: [https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV](https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV).

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 9%, down from 13% last week.

*Source: UT Health, School of Public Health*
Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vaccinated. You should also:

- Get tested if you feel sick.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask in public (over your nose and mouth) or with others who live outside your household. Never share a mask with others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.