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, can confirm hospitalizations for COVID-19 have hit the **highest level** we’ve seen in Montgomery County. The vast majority of new cases and hospitalizations are in those who are **unvaccinated**.
SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.

We strongly encourage you to be vaccinated for COVID-19 if you have not done so already. Even if you contract COVID-19 after vaccination, the chances of severe illness, hospitalization and death are extremely low.

Only 50 percent of eligible Montgomery County residents are vaccinated. Need to find a vaccine? Click here: https://www.vaccines.gov/.
Since our August 11th report, we can confirm three additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 60s, from Spring, died in the hospital. There were no co-morbidities noted in his medical records. He was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 60s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s, from Willis, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.

We can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 792 to 64,472 since Wednesday’s (8/11) report. Of the 792 new cases, 94 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.

- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 582 to 7,031 since Wednesday’s (8/11) report. Today, we added 173 additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more.

- 195 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.

- 30,983 people have clinically recovered.
The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 23%, up from 21% on Monday.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.

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:

- 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.