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 are nearing peak levels in Montgomery County. The vast majority of new cases and essentially all 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 49 percent of eligible Montgomery County residents are vaccinated. Need to find a vaccine? Click here: [https://www.vaccines.gov/](https://www.vaccines.gov/).
Since our August 2nd report, we can confirm a sharp rise in new COVID-19 cases.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 889 to 60,941 since last Monday’s (8/2) report. Of the 889 new cases, 58 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.
  - Today, we added 3 confirmed reinfections bringing the total to 26. TX DSHS defines reinfection as a case with two positive PCR tests at least 90 days apart, with no consecutive tests in between. You can find more information on reinfection here: https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/docs/DSHS-COVID19ReinfectionGuidance.pdf.

- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 767 to 4,219 since last Monday’s (8/2) report.

- 157 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.

- 30,742 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has increased to 19%, up from 17% on Monday.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health
Active Cases: 4,219

Reinfected: 26*
Hospitalized: 157
Recovered: 30,742
Deaths: 354
Total: 60,941

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

KEY CHANGES
(vs. 8/2/2021)
Active cases + 767
Hospitalizations + 14
Recoveries + 120
Deaths + 0
Total cases + 889

*Reinfection is defined by DSHS as 2 positive PCR tests at least 90 days apart, with no consecutive tests in between.

_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.