

Date: 11/24/2020

## 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, urges residents to take necessary precautions to protect themselves and their loved ones from COVID-19 this Thanksgiving holiday. Montgomery County cases are on the rise. Please see guidelines for celebrating the holiday from the Centers of Disease Control here: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html</a>. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

We can confirm the following update regarding COVID-19:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 240 to 16,789 since yesterday's (11/23) report. All 240 new cases were tested in the month of November, and 202 of those were tested since 11/16/2020.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 9 to 2,757 since yesterday's (11/23) report. On Tuesdays, we factor in additional "inactive" cases we have been unable to
  contact for more than 30 days. We accounted for 176 additional "inactive" cases today.
- 24 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 10,501 people have clinically recovered. PH staff discovered an inconsistency in yesterday's total of recovered cases. This has been corrected to reflect the accurate number of recoveries for both 11/23/2020 and today. You can see corrected graphics for 11/23/2020 attached and those for today below.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 10%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays. You can find more information here: <a href="https://sph.uth.edu/dept/bads/covid19-dashboard">https://sph.uth.edu/dept/bads/covid19-dashboard</a>.

\*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing. Have questions? Please go to <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/">https://mcphd-tx.org/</a> and scroll down to the FAQs.



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Active Cases: 2,766

Nov. 23, 2020 Residents of Montgomery Co., TX

\*\*Recoveries from 11/23/2020 were incorrect. This number reflects the accurate count. Hospitalized: 26 Recovered: 10,428\*\* Deaths: 169

Total: 16,549

KEY CHANGES

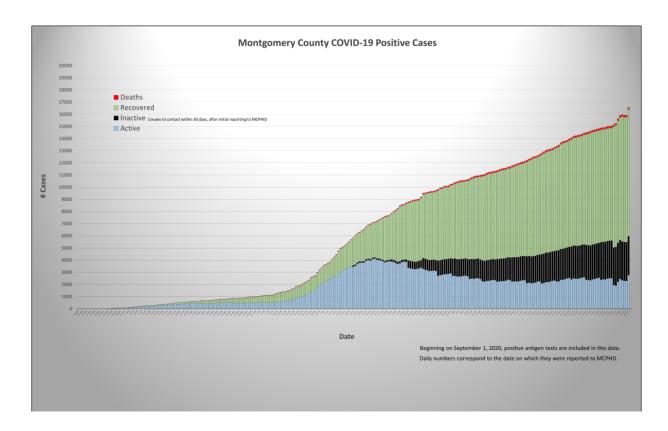
Active cases + 474

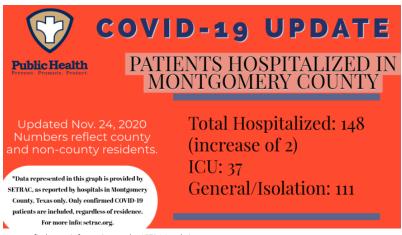
Hospitalizations + 1

Recoveries + 154

Deaths + 1

Total cases + 629





You can find more information on the SETRAC website, setrac.org.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <a href="https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/">https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/</a>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <a href="https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/">https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/</a>.

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 testing? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm, but will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and November 27th.

Follow CDC guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- ✓ If your children have started in-person school, teach them proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask. Encourage them to never share masks with others.
- ✓ Avoid groups of people.
- ✓ Practice social distancing.
- ✓ Wear a mask in public or with others outside your household.
- ✓ Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- ✓ Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.