



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**Mobile Testing Site Coming to Montgomery County**

Montgomery County will have a mobile COVID-19 Testing Site on **Monday, April 27, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** Tests will be conducted by appointment only at near Woodforest Bank Stadium at 19115 David Memorial Dr. Shenandoah, Texas 77385. To register for an appointment, visit [www.txcovidtest.org](http://www.txcovidtest.org) or call 512- 883-2400. See [informational flyer](#).

**MOBILE TEST COLLECTION**  
is coming to your community

**DATE 04/27/20**

Time 0900AM – 6:00PM  
Location: 19115 David Memorial Dr,  
Shenandoah, TX 77385

You will be screened to see if you have:

- Fever and/or Chills
- Sore Throat
- Cough (Dry or Productive)
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Body Aches/Muscle or Joint Pain
- Nasal Congestion
- Shortness of Breath
- Loss of Taste and/or Smell

To register:  
VISIT [TXCOVIDTEST.ORG](http://TXCOVIDTEST.ORG) OR CALL 512.883.2400

Tests are conducted by appointment only.

**Important Message from Township Chairman Gordy Bunch**

The Woodlands Township supports Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations of wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. These face coverings could be as simple as cloth face coverings, which can be fashioned from household items or made at home.

However, The Woodlands Township Board of Directors does not approve of fining residents in a Harris County Order expected to go into effect Monday, April 27, 2020. Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo ordered people must wear face coverings beginning on this day and those found not wearing a covering in public could be fined \$1,000 for non-compliance of the Order. The Woodlands residents who live in the Village of Creekside Park, which is located in Harris County, are under this Order. “The Township will continue to promote CDC recommendations and opposes an egregious \$1,000 fine on our residents,” Township Chairman Gordy Bunch wrote in the letter. [Please see letter here.](#)



### **Current Status of Hospital Availability**

As residents in The Woodlands see headline news of COVID-19's impact in foreign countries as well as places like New York City, it's important to understand the capacity of medical care not only in The Woodlands but the Southeast Texas Area.

The Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) develop and sustain a powerful coalition of providers, responders, and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration keeps real time numbers on places regarding the following daily admissions, general bed usage, intensive care unit usage, ventilator usage, and a COVID-19 census.

Visit [www.setrac.org](http://www.setrac.org) for updated reports and [charts](#).

## ***County News***

### **Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count**

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management confirms there are now 506 total positive cases of COVID-19, up 10 cases from yesterday. The statewide stay-at-home order remains in effect. Details on individual cases can be found here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management updates a dashboard for the cases here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

### **Harris County COVID-19 Case Count**

As of April 25, 2020 (4 p.m.), Harris County Public Health (HCPH) has 42 new cases of COVID-19, which brings the total to 2,404 positive cases. HCPH is also confirming that 1,152 of its patients have recovered. There have been 51 total deaths of COVID-19 in Harris County. None of these numbers include the City of Houston. A full description of the numbers can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>

Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found here by clicking on [areas of the map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389 and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 34 cases and 77389 has 30 cases.

### **Harris County Simplified COVID-19 Assessment Tool for Testing**

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) will revamp its COVID-19 online self-assessment tool to streamline the COVID-19 testing process. The online tool can be found at: [www.readyharris.org](http://www.readyharris.org) or [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) (or <https://covidcheck.hctx.net>).



The updated version will include scheduling options for individuals to choose the testing time that best fits their schedule. Once an individual completes the self-assessment tool, they will receive a unique identification code, an appointment time, and instructions about where to go for drive-thru testing and what items to bring with them. Testing is free for the public, including those who live in surrounding counties, and anyone can get tested regardless of citizenship status. The tool will be available starting Thursday, April 23, 2020. [Learn more about the assessment tool here.](#)



### **Help Our Heroes Continues Through Next Week**

The Woodlands Township Board of Directors launched the Help Our Heroes campaign to collect crucial Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) supplies for local first responders and hospitals. Thanks to the generous donations of residents like you, the Township has collected a variety of supplies that number into the thousands for local heroes.

Additionally, as of April 23, 2020, Help Our Heroes has expanded to help our heroes personally as well as professionally. Many times, because of shift work, first responders and healthcare professionals cannot get to the store to buy supplies for their homes and families. The Woodlands Township has incorporated a program called “Adopt a Healthcare Worker” program to provide those supplies.

Donations will be accepted over the next two collection dates of Monday, April 27, 2020, and Thursday, April 30, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at The Woodlands Fire Department Central Fire Station, 9951 Grogan’s Mill Road, 77380. Both programs conclude on Thursday, April 30, 2020. Please visit <https://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1489/HELP-OUR-HEROES> for more information.

### **State and National News**

Texas has opened new portal, [www.workintexas.com](http://www.workintexas.com), for individuals looking for job openings.

### **Fraud and Scams Alert**

Please be on the lookout for frauds and scams related to Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). [The FBI has released specific tips with regards to protecting yourself and your business from these types of scams.](#)

### **The US Census Bureau COVID-19 Site**

The US Census [website](#) includes demographic and economic resources as well as an impact report hub.

### Paycheck Protection Program: Find a Local Lender

Under the new Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, **more than \$300 billion is going to replenish the crucial Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)**. Already, the PPP has supported small businesses across the nation and has saved over 30 million jobs, including over 1.2 million in Texas alone.

In the first rounds of funding, 134,737 loans were approved in Texas with a total of \$28 billion in funding. The average loan was \$200,000 – and these went directly to main street businesses. Those interested in applying for the Paycheck Protection Program should visit a participating lender to complete an application and submit the required documentation. The program is open until June 30, 2020. **You can find a list of eligible local lenders [here](#).** For more information, see the Treasury Department’s updated FAQ document [here](#).

### Around the Township



### Simple Recycling will Resume Service Monday, April 27

Residents who have orange bags filled with textiles, toys, books, and small household items can place their bags at the curb on their normal service day. For more information on this program or to request orange bags, visit [www.simplerecycling.com](http://www.simplerecycling.com) or this recent article from the Environmental Services Department. Read more about this program on the [Environmental Services blog](#).



### **Retail-To-Go**

Visit The Woodlands, the official destination marketing organization for The Woodlands, has launched a Retail To Go Program promoting storefront retail businesses in The Woodlands Township following Governor Abbott's Executive Order establishing a Strike Force to open Texas.

“Our local retailers and restaurants have all been proactive and managed to change their business models in response to this global pandemic,” said Visit The Woodlands Chairman Bruce Rieser. “Here at Visit The Woodlands, we’re committed to supporting and promoting those efforts. Our team continues to create new content that will bring the hospitality message to our residents on behalf of our partners and help ensure their success.”

Retail to-go with curbside pickup is now available in a growing number of stores in The Woodlands. For more information, click here: <https://visitthewoodlands.com/blog/retail-to-go-in-the-woodlands/>

### **Experience The Woodlands with Safe Social Distancing**

Looking to try new restaurants or shops while social distancing? Save this passport to your phone and check off these "destinations" as you support dining and shopping options in The Woodlands. You can visit these destinations by making [purchases from local stores](#) and [ordering from area restaurants](#). Post your progress to encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Snap photos of your food and purchases and be sure to share them on social media, tagging the business and using #SoWoodlands.

### **Community Resources**

Jobs, Food Banks,  
Hotlines



Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the link below to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19:

<http://thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/1491/Community-Resources>.



### **The Township's Coronavirus page**

The Woodlands Township's special COVID-19 information page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/covid19). This page features Montgomery and Harris county Hubs, community resources and updated COVID-19 news from the Federal Government and the CDC. This page also includes the latest news from The Township, updates from partner agencies, social distancing strategies, important links, frequently asked questions, live Twitter feeds and more.

### **Hotlines for health questions and COVID-19**

*Montgomery County: 936-523-5040*

*Harris County: 713-634-1110*

*Statewide Mental Health Support Line: 833-986-1919*

### **Free Self-Screening Tool for COVID-19**

Visit the self-screening tool on the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

### **Tracking COVID-19: Local, Regionally, Nationally, Internationally**

**Below** are the widgets for tracking COVID19.

- [Montgomery County](#)
- [Texas Counties Statewide](#)
- [Texas Department of Health and Human Services Case Counts](#)
- [Global Cases](#)

### **Stay Connected**

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/stayinformed).





## **#Township Together**

The Woodlands Township would like to call on residents to share any images of inspiration with the community. These can be a photo of something seen in the neighborhood, a family project or anything with a positive message. These will be shared through the Township email updates, social media channels and on The Woodlands Township website [here](#).



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*The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding the COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme).*