



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Township News

Free COVID-19 Testing at Township Town Hall—Insurance Now Accepted

The Woodlands Township is a host location for free COVID-19 testing performed by COVID-19 testing company, Curative, Inc. The walk-up testing takes place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, located at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd. The Woodlands, TX 77381 until future notice. Please see holiday hours noted below.

As part of the free COVID-19 testing, customers will now be asked to submit their insurance information when scheduling a test. Testing is still offered at **no cost to the patient**. Customers without insurance will still be tested at **no personal cost** using coverage from the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act.

Please note the following holiday hours:

- Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, November 25, 2020 – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 26, 2020 - Closed
- Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24, 2020 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Christmas Day: Friday, December 25, 2020 – Closed



Make Thanksgiving Safer: Tips from the CDC

Traditional Thanksgiving gatherings with family and friends are fun but can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. The safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to celebrate with people in your household. If you do plan to spend Thanksgiving with people outside your household, take steps to make your celebration safer.

- Wear a mask with two or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19. Make sure the mask fits snugly and covers your mouth and nose.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with an alcohol concentration of 60 percent or higher if handwashing isn't possible.

Alternatively, consider hosting a virtual Thanksgiving celebration! Schedule a time to share a meal together virtually, and have guests share recipes and show their turkey, dressing or other dishes they prepared. [Read more tips for celebrating the holidays safely.](#)

County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count November 17, 2020

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the following update related to COVID-19.

TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 132 to 15,227 since yesterday's (11/16) report. All 132 new cases were tested in the month of November.

ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 51 to 1,864 since yesterday's (11/16) report. On Tuesdays, we factor in additional "inactive" cases who we have been unable to contact for more than 30 days. Today, we marked an additional 104 inactive cases.

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

10,012 people have clinically recovered.

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



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

View the case-by-case updates from last week on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, [here](#). Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found 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 1,536 confirmed positive cases with 164 active cases, and 77389 has 7993 confirmed positive cases with 86 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department
As of Tuesday, November 17, 2020, + or – signifies change since previous report.

Montgomery County

15,227 – Confirmed +434
1,864 – Active –415
165 – Deaths +4

10,012 – Recovered +741

36 – Hospitalized +5

Harris County

85,458 - Confirmed +2,424

6,404 - Active Cases +425

966 - Deaths +18

78,077 - Recovered +1,981

Montgomery County Testing

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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Harris County Testing

Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

State and National News

Texas Cases Trending Upward

According to data from the [Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center](https://www.jhu.edu/coronavirus), Texas cases of COVID-19 are on the rise. Statewide, cases are increasing around 9,800+ daily. It is critical to continue to wear a mask, wash your hands and observe social distancing measures from those not in your immediate household.



Community Use of Cloth Masks

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, is transmitted predominately by respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze, sing, talk or breathe. CDC recommends community use of masks, specifically non-valved multi-layer cloth masks, to prevent transmission. [Read the full article](#) from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).



Governor, DSHS Announces Distribution Of COVID-19 Antibody Therapy

Governor Greg Abbott announced Friday, November 13, 2020, that the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is allocating an initial shipment of *bamlanivimab*, the Eli Lilly & Company monoclonal antibody therapy, to be distributed as early as next week to acute care hospitals across every geographic region of the state. These weekly shipments of doses have been provided to the state at no cost through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [Read the full press release.](#)



It's a Good Time to Get Your Flu Vaccine

While the United States remains focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to be aware of flu season as winter approaches, with activity peaking between December and February. Getting vaccinated now can lower your chances of getting the flu. Flu vaccines approved by the FDA provide important benefits and are your best defense from flu and its potential complications. [Learn more from the FDA.](#)

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the [Community Resources webpage](#) to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.



Thankful in The Woodlands: A Message from Visit The Woodlands

Visit The Woodlands provides offers from local hotels, attractions and restaurants. Special offers are added regularly and will give you plenty of reasons to enjoy The Woodlands. Consider supporting our local restaurants, several with curbside Thanksgiving dinner pickup available. Thanksgiving dining options and specials can be found [here](#).



COVID-19 Virtual Holiday Activities

View the list below for COVID-19 friendly activities in The Woodlands and surrounding area.

- The Alley Theatre production of *A Christmas Carol* will launch online December 4, 2020 and run through December 27, 2020. Watch the Christmas Carol online for FREE! [Please register for the viewing link.](#)

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 eNewsletter

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 (Coronavirus) informational eNewsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday and as needed. [Manage your notifications and subscriptions.](#)

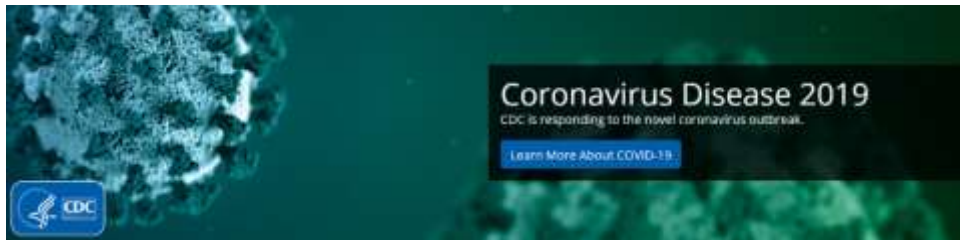


Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

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Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed. Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. Additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency.



Keep Up with Best Practices During the Pandemic at CDC.GOV

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.