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## **Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County**

*Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to encourage all residents to do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Until this virus is under control, please recommit to following these guidelines:

- 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.
- Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

**For information and to check availability of vaccines, please visit the new Vaccination Page on the Coronavirus Hub for Montgomery County here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/pages/vaccinations>.**

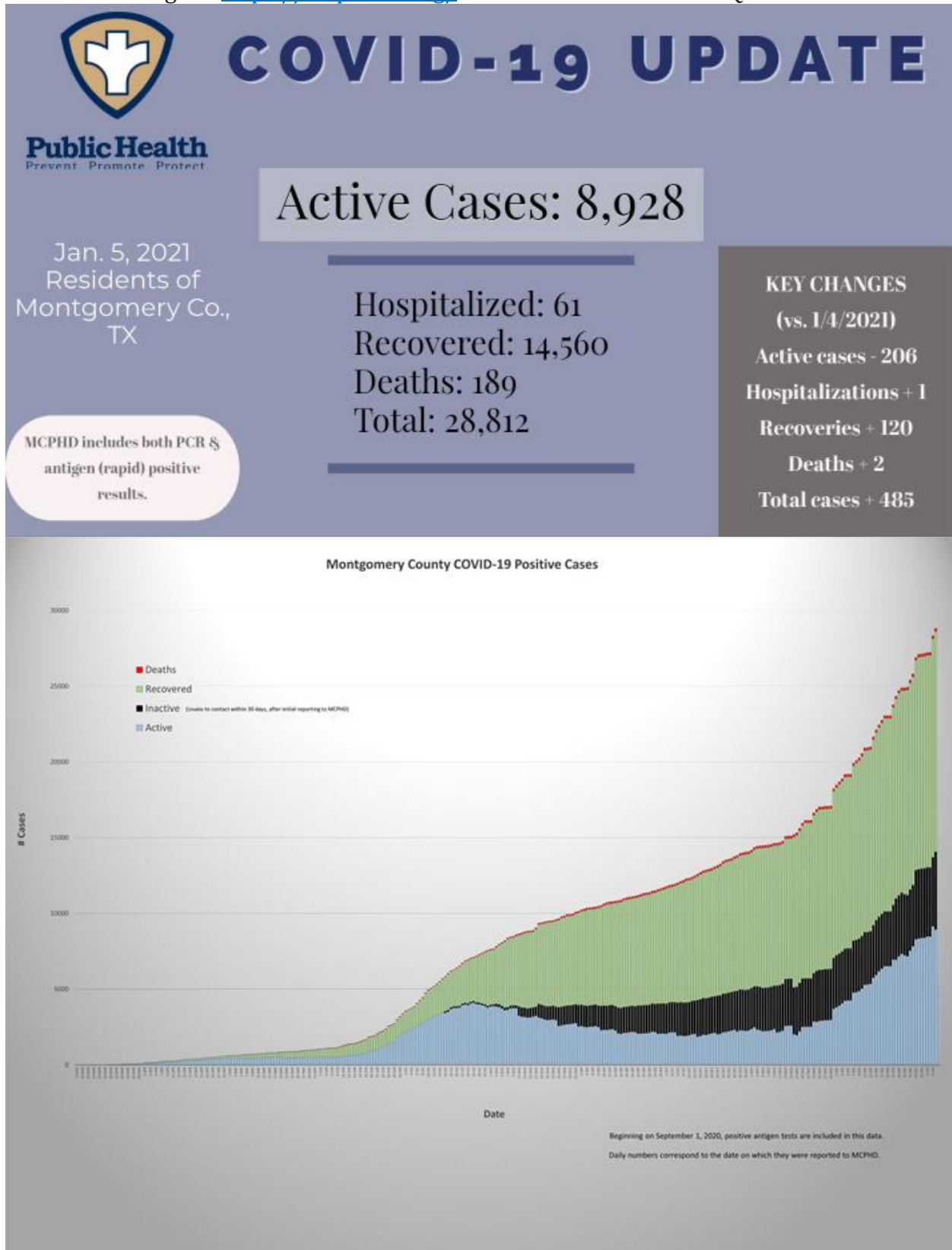
Today, we can confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 485 to 28,812 since yesterday's (1/4) report. Of the 485 new cases, 481 were tested since 12/24/2020.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 206 to 8,928 since yesterday's (1/4) report. On Tuesdays, we factor in additional cases we have been unable to contact for more than 30 days. Today, we added 569 additional "inactive" cases.
- 61 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 14,560 people have clinically recovered.

**The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 15%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.**

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

\*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.



SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations has not been updated for 1/5/2021. Check this link for updates: <https://bit.ly/2Mr5o0X>.

You can view the case-by-case updates 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/>.

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8:00am – 4:30pm.

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