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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, is recommending all residents recommit to CDC guidelines to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

- 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 sadly confirm an additional death related to COVID-19. A man in his 80s, from Splendora, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

We can also confirm:

- **TOTAL** cases of COVID-19 increased by 431 to 33,006 since yesterday's (1/14) report. Of the 431 new cases, 421 were tested since 12/31/2020.
- **ACTIVE** cases of COVID-19 decreased by 1,823 to 8,951 since yesterday's (1/14) report. Due to the large volume of cases accrued over the past 60 days, we will now

account for additional “inactive” cases on both Tuesdays and Fridays. Today, we are adding 1,789 additional inactive cases, who are residents we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more.

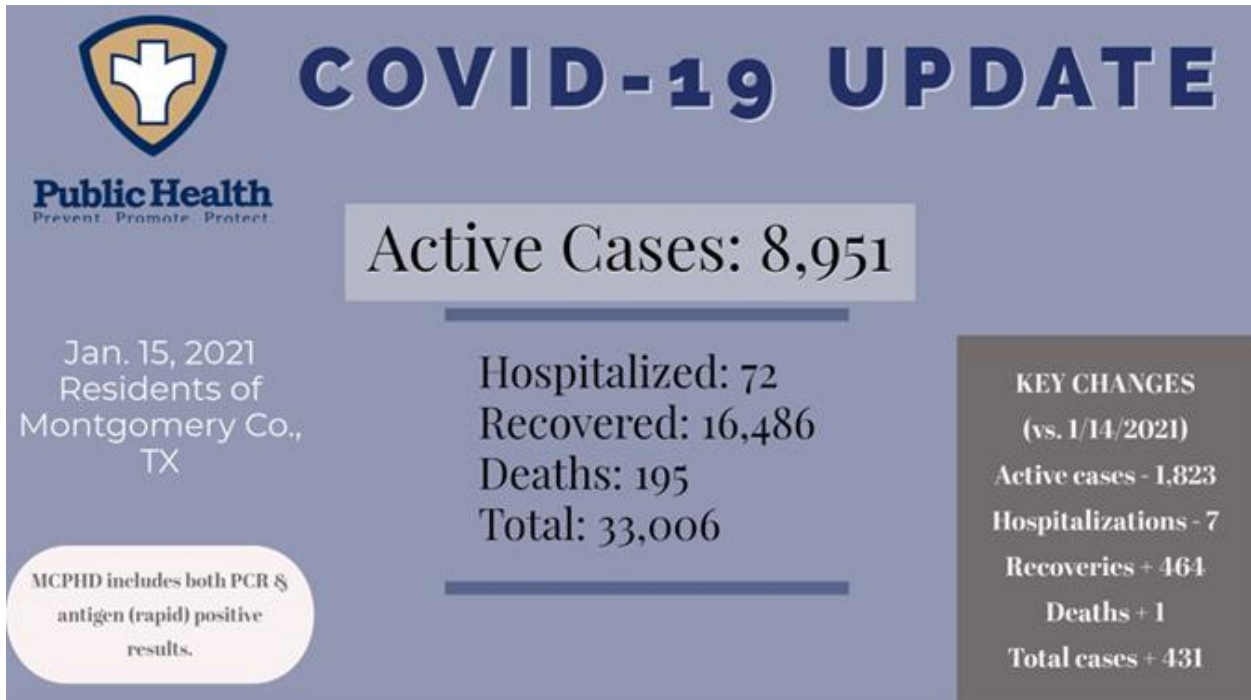
- 72 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 16,486 people have clinically recovered.

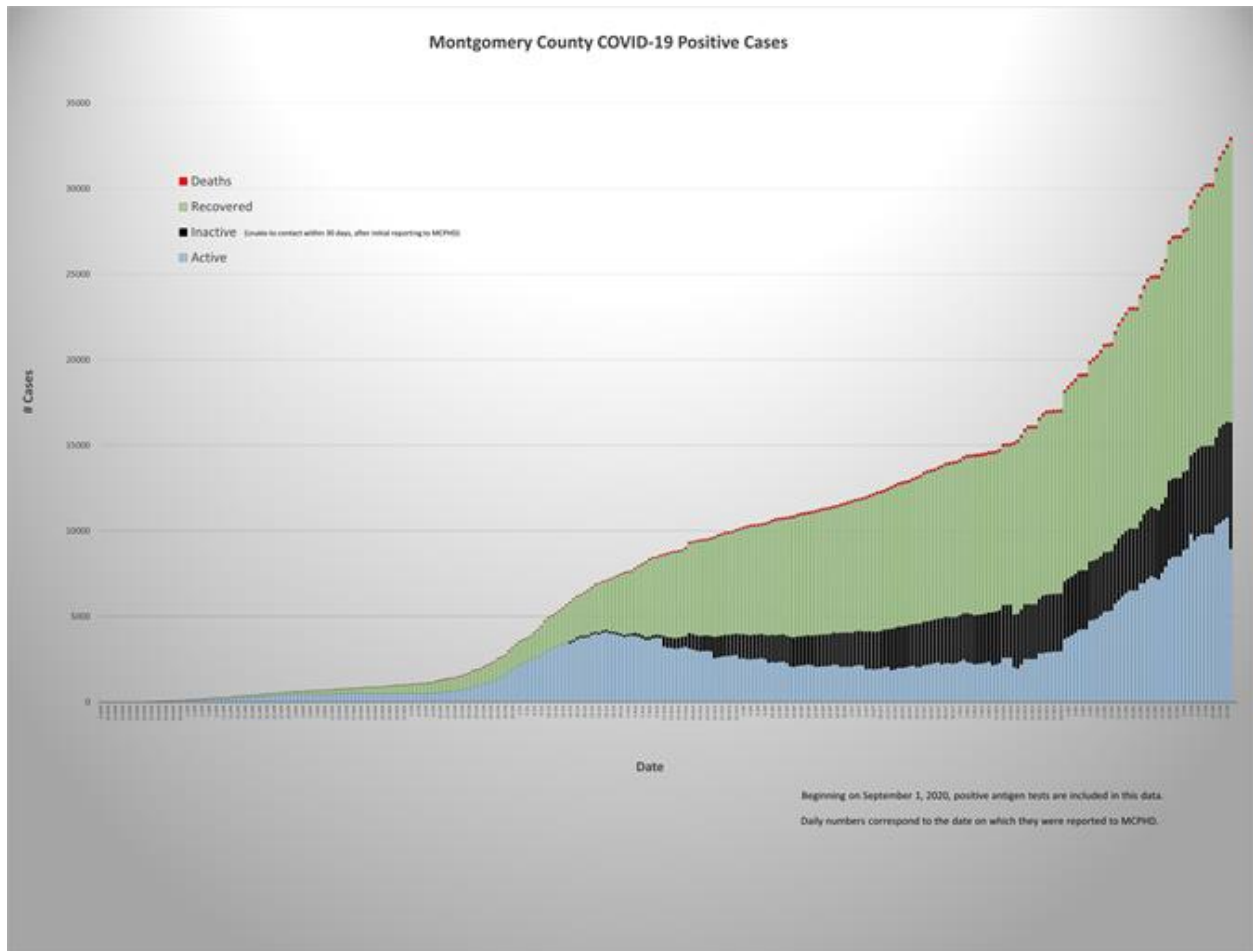
This week, the Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 21%, down from 22% last week. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

PLEASE NOTE, THE OFFICES OF MCPHD WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY. THE NEXT COVID-19 UPDATE WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH.

*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.





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COVID-19 UPDATE

PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Updated Jan. 15, 2021
Numbers reflect county and non-county residents.

*Data represented in this graph is provided by SETRAC, as reported by hospitals in Montgomery County, Texas only. Only confirmed COVID-19 patients are included, regardless of residence.

For more info: setrac.org.

Total Hospitalized: 299
(+/- 0)

ICU: 65

General/Isolation: 234

SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 1/15/2021. Updates can be found here: <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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