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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.
- As supply and eligibility increases, consider getting vaccinated.

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>. Also, be sure to follow the MCPHD Facebook page (Montgomery County Public Health @mctx_publichealth) for updates when vaccines are available for registration.

Today, we can confirm an additional death related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 70s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

We can also confirm:

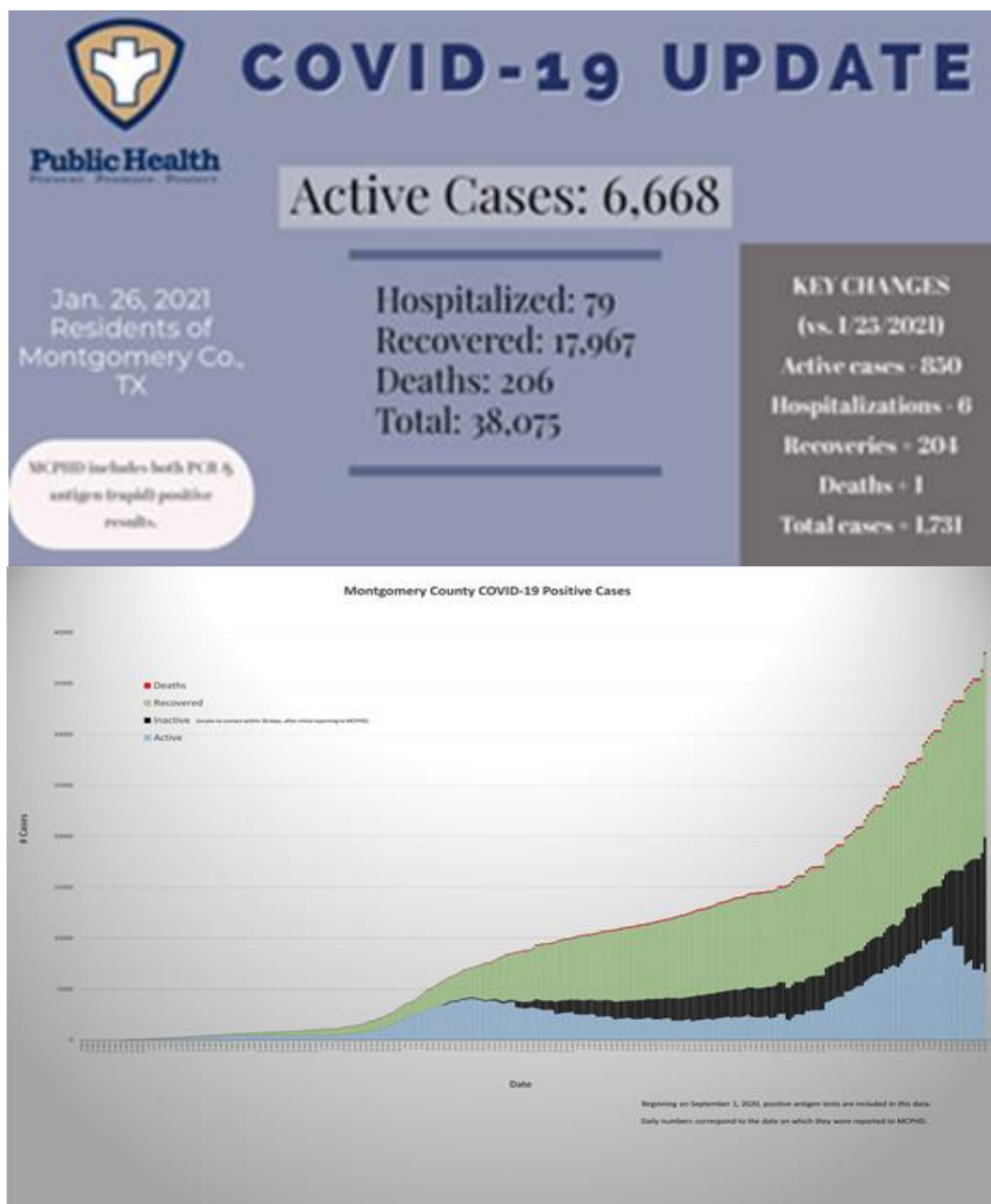
- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,731 to 38,075 since yesterday's (1/25) report. Of the 1,731 new cases, 239 were tested since 1/14/2021. 44 were tested since 11/1/2020. The remainder accounts for a backlog of older cases dating from 3/21/2020 - 10/31/2020.

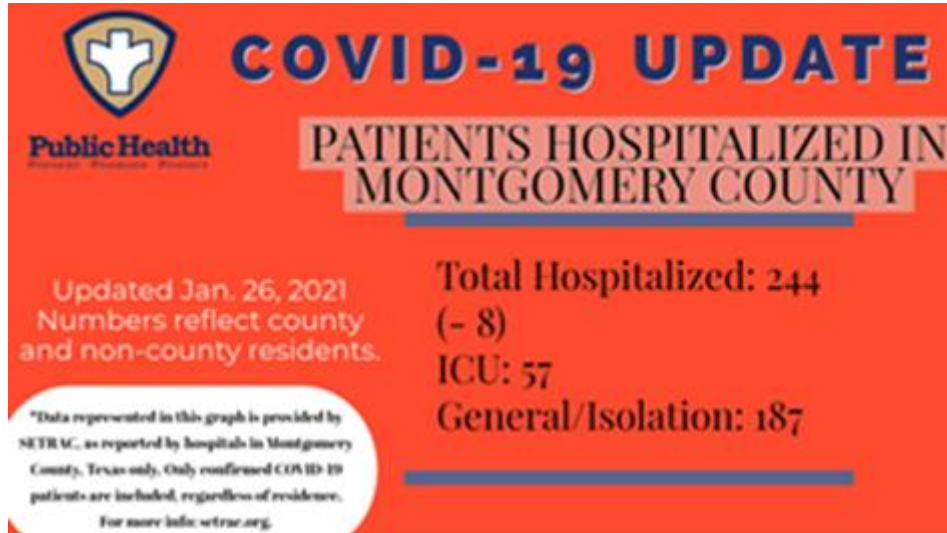
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 850 to 6,668 since yesterday's (1/25) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, we account for additional "inactive" cases who we have been unable to contact for more than 30 days. Today, we added 2,376 inactive cases.
- 79 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 17,967 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 21%. 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 was last updated 1/26/2021. 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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