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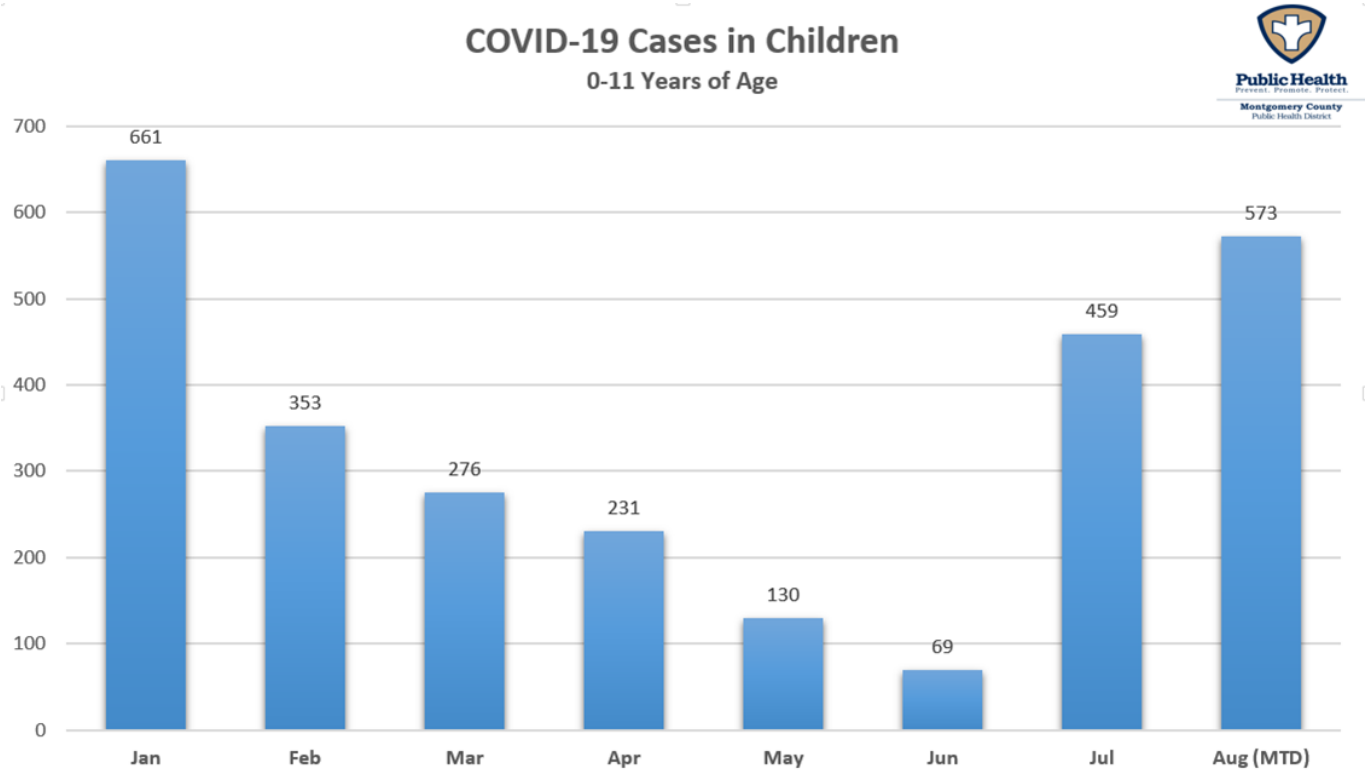
COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

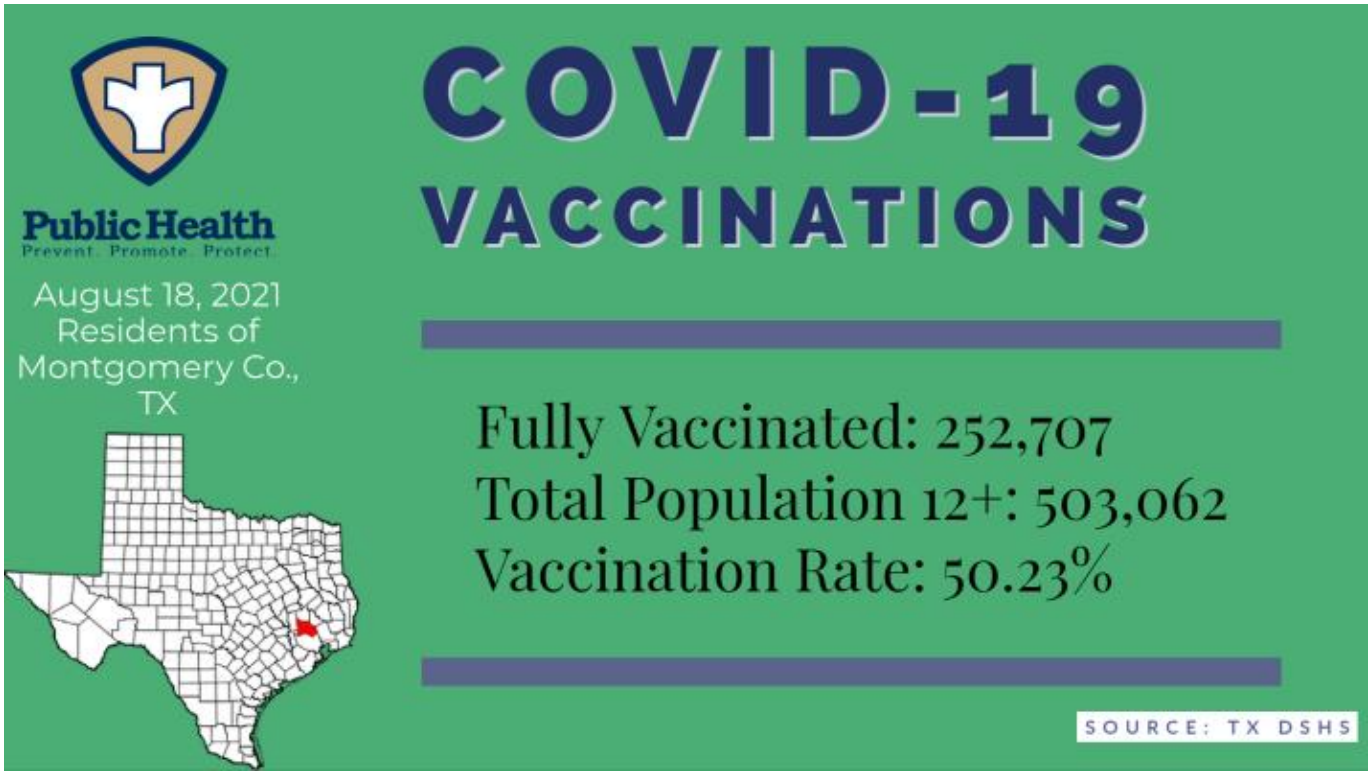
Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm a sharp rise in the number of children under 12 years of age testing positive for COVID-19. In just the third week of August, we are nearing the record number of positive cases in children for Montgomery County - set during the entire month of January of 2021.



We strongly encourage you to be vaccinated for COVID-19 if you have not done so already. Even if you contract COVID-19 after vaccination, the chances of severe illness, hospitalization and death are extremely low.

Only 50 percent of eligible Montgomery County residents are vaccinated. Need to find a vaccine? **Drive-thru vaccines are coming to your area**! See below for more information, or click here for additional vaccine sites: https://www.vaccines.gov/.



Since our August 16th report, we can confirm one additional death related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 60s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.

We can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,523 to 67,028 since Monday's (8/16) report.
  - Of the 1,523 new cases, 150 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.

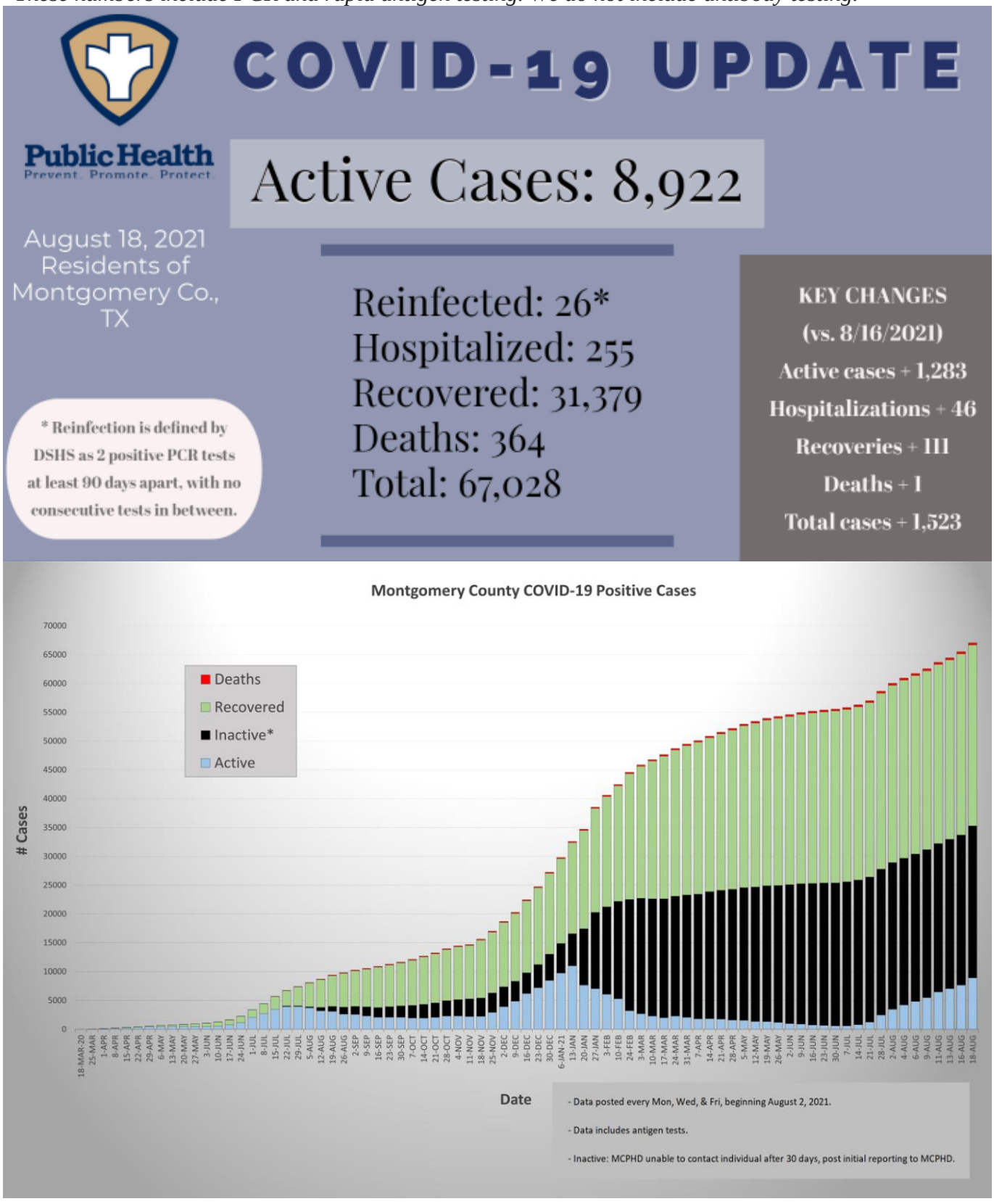
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 1,283 to 8,922 since Monday's (8/16) report.
  - Today, we added 291 additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more.

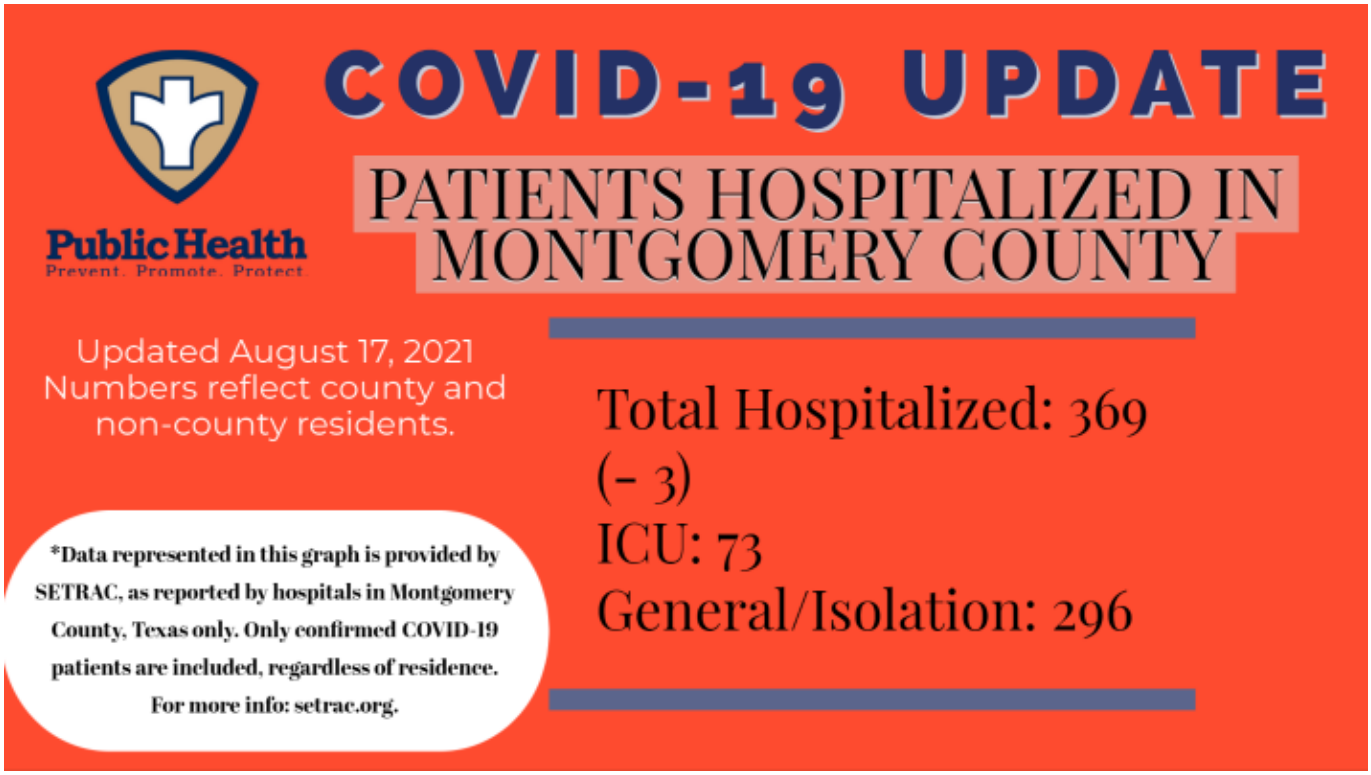
- 255 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.

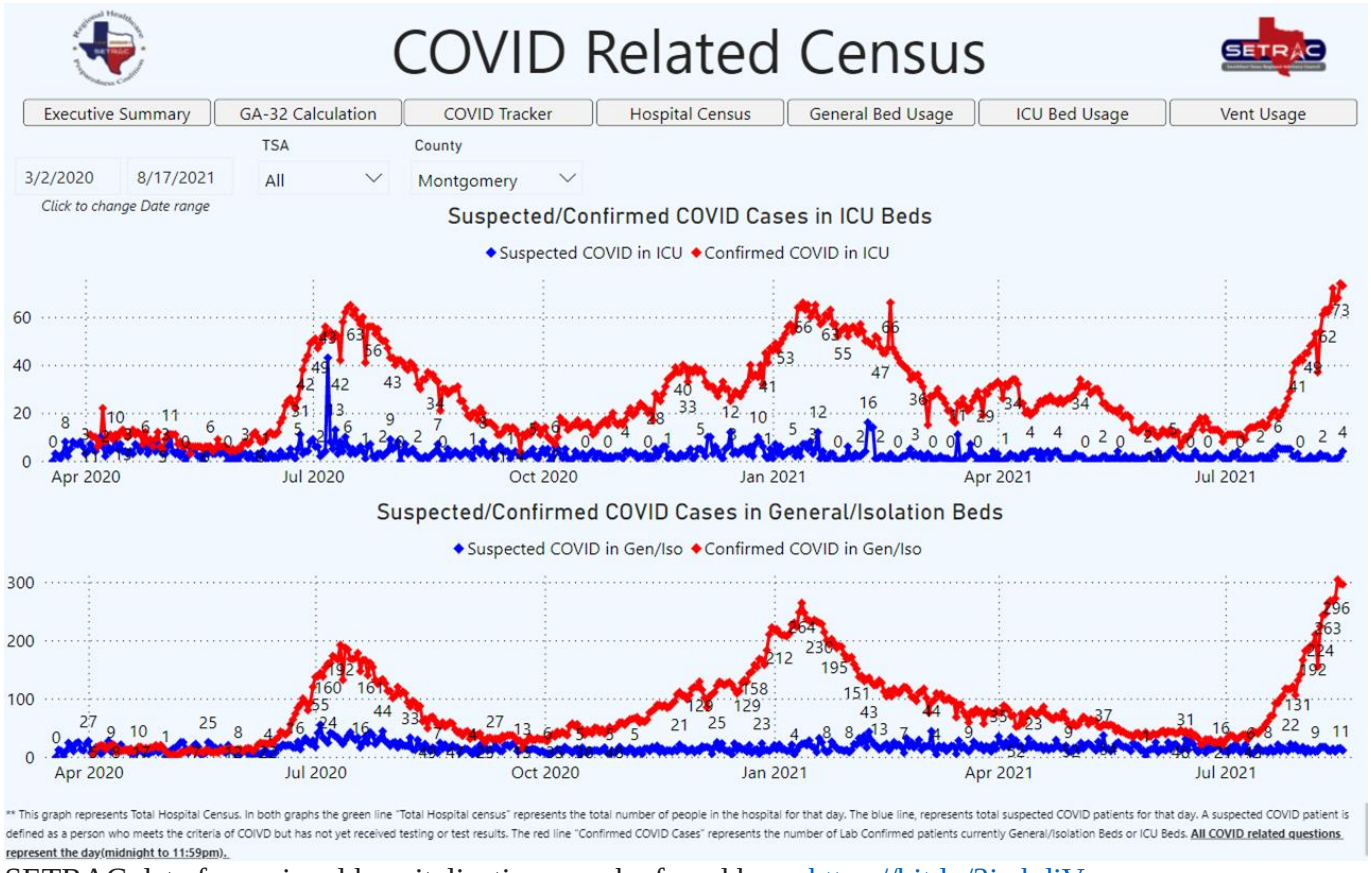
- 31,379 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has increased to 23%, up from 22% on Monday.
Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

**These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing.*







SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.
The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Have a question about COVID-19? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center has reopened. Call 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

Looking for a vaccination? Drive-thru sites are coming to your area!

PCT 1:
When: August 18th and 19th
Time: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Where: North Montgomery County Community Center
Address: 600 Gerald St, Willis, TX 77378

PCT 3:
When: August 20th from 9:00 AM to 7:00PM
August 21st and 22nd from 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Where: At the corner of Waterway Ave. and Timberloch Pl. (adjacent to 1 Waterway Ave.)

PCT 4:
When: August 23rd 24th and 25th
Time: 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Where: A.V. 'Bull' Sallas Park
Address: 21675-C McCleskey Rd, New Caney, TX 77357

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself and those around you is to be vaccinated. You should also:

- ***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.***
- ***Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.***
- ***Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.***