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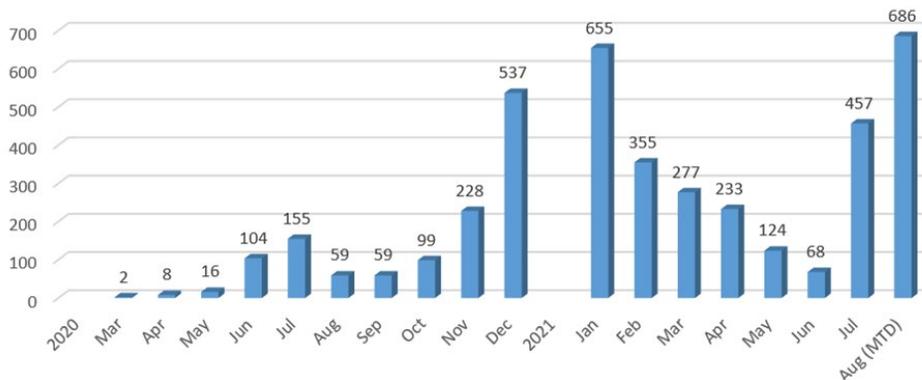**August 20, 2021**

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 record number of children under 12 years of age who have tested positive for COVID-19. In just the third week of August, we have now surpassed the previous record number of positive cases in children for Montgomery County - set during the entire month of January of 2021.
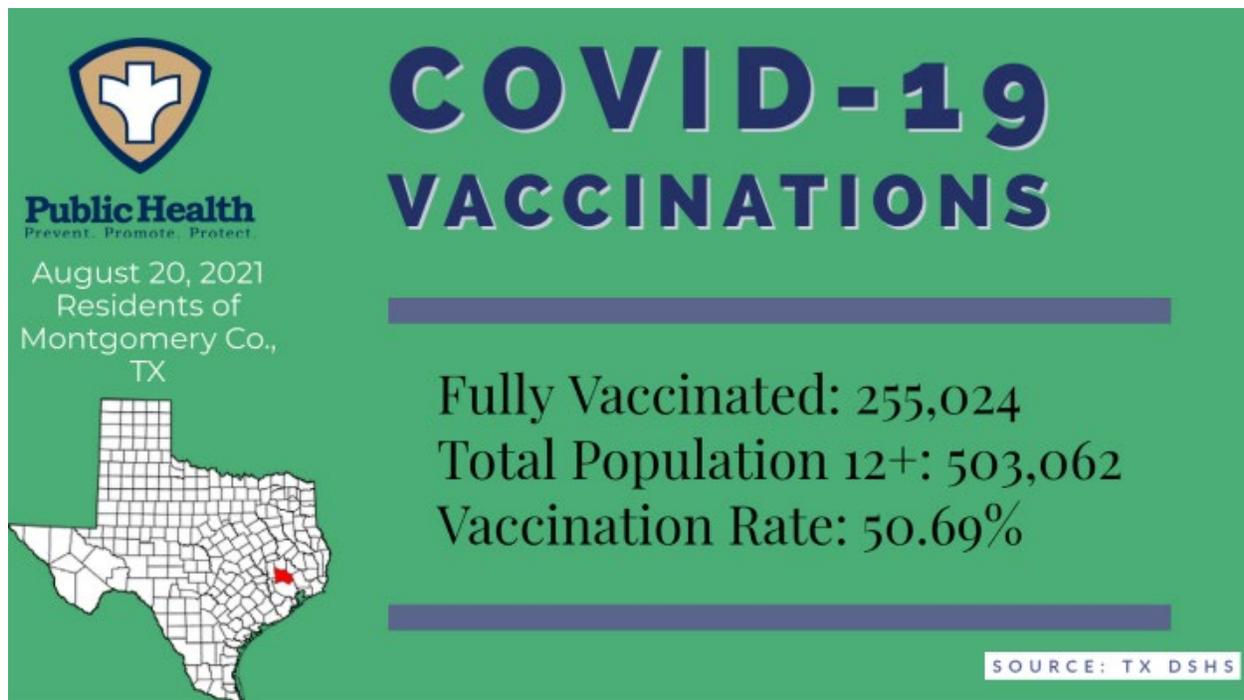

COVID-19 Cases in Children
0-11 Years of Age

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 51 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 18th report, we can confirm two additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 80s, from Montgomery, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s, from Magnolia, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
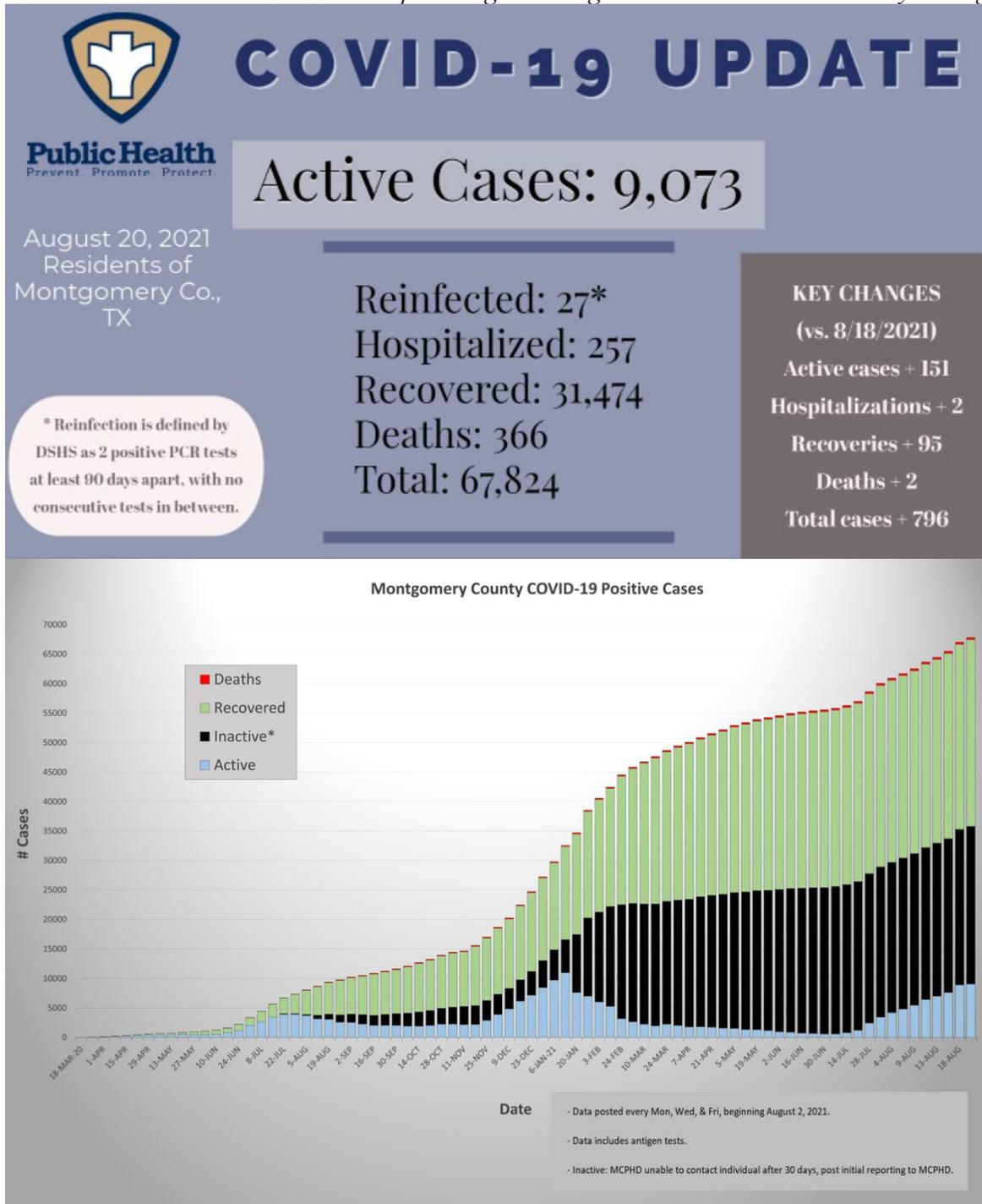
We can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 796 to 67,824 since Wednesday's (8/18) report.
  - o Of the 796 new cases, 103 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.

- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 151 to 9,073 since Wednesday's (8/18) report.
  - o Today, we added 369 additional inactive cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more.

- 257 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.

- 31,474 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 22%, down from 23% on Wednesday.
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.

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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.***

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