



NEWS RELEASE

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Township issues reminders during COVID surge

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (September 2, 2021) – During the current nationwide surge in COVID-19 cases, particularly the Delta variant, the Township reminds residents to stay safe and well and to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

COUNTY NEWS

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can sadly confirm a **record-breaking day** related to COVID-19 in Montgomery County.

Today, September 1, 2021, MCPHD marked:

- 1.) A new all-time high of active COVID-19 cases.**
- 2.) A new all-time high of ICU patients with COVID-19.**
- 3.) A new all-time high of COVID-19 cases in children (ages 0-11).**

The testing positivity rate in Montgomery County has remained steady over the past few weeks and is currently at [21% as of Wednesday, September 1, 2021](#). The [Harris County COVID-19 Threat Level](#) remains at Level 1 (Severe Threat).

- [Regional Infusion Center for Monoclonal Antibodies Open in Montgomery County](#)
- [COVID-19 Call Center Now Open in Montgomery County](#)

The reports of Montgomery County are posted on the Township website under [County News Releases/Partner Agency Notifications](#). Harris County items are also posted there as received. In addition, social media feeds from both agencies can be viewed by scrolling down at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/covid19.

VACCINATION AVAILABILITY

COVID-19 vaccines are widely available locally at hospitals, healthcare provider offices, pharmacies and retailers. To find a vaccine near you, please visit www.vaccines.gov/search/. Here you can search based on zip code and vaccine preference (Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). Texans can also register online at GetTheVaccine.dshs.texas.gov. You will be notified by email or text when and where to get the vaccine.

The FDA recently gave [full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine](#), which will be marketed as Comirnaty, for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age and older. **This approval has been reinforced as of August 30, 2021, by the CDC Advisory Committee on**



Immunization Practices' (ACIP) recommendation for use of the Pfizer-BioNTech's licensed vaccine for people 16 and older.

"We now have a fully approved COVID-19 vaccine and ACIP has added its recommendation. If you have been waiting for this approval before getting the vaccine, now is the time to get vaccinated and join the more than 173 million Americans who are already fully vaccinated," said CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky. [Read more.](#)

COVID TESTING

The Woodlands Township is a host location for COVID-19 testing provided by Curative, Inc. Testing takes place seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed Labor Day, Monday, August 6, 2021) [The Township offers free testing through Curative at three locations.](#) **Please note, testing is no longer offered at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd.**

- The Recreation Center at Bear Branch, 5310 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381 (Through October 2021)
- Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382 (Through October 2021)
- The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park, 6464 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389 (Through October 2021)

SCHOOL CASES

Cases in local independent school districts are on the rise. Please visit the ISD dashboards below for the latest information regarding COVID-19 cases in schools.

- Conroe ISD: <https://apps.conroeisd.net/covidimpact/>
- Tomball ISD: <https://datastudio.google.com/reporting/d9e82fda-88fe-4319-b2c6-51ff7332dba0/page/3QggB>
- Magnolia ISD: <https://sites.google.com/magnoliaisd.org/nov-magnolia-isd-covid-dashboa/home>



SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council

[SETRAC](#) is a powerful coalition of providers, responders and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration. You can find more information and view hospital use related to COVID-19 on their website, setrac.org.

CDC Guidance Regarding the Delta Variant

The Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than early forms of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants. Some data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous variants in unvaccinated people.



Help Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Current advice from the CDC includes wearing a mask indoors in public and crowded spaces in areas of high transmission for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. Vaccines remain the most effective way to reduce spread of COVID-19 and prevent serious illness. [Read more.](#)

Additional Information

Please visit the Township's COVID-19 information page, www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19 for resources, information and updates.

