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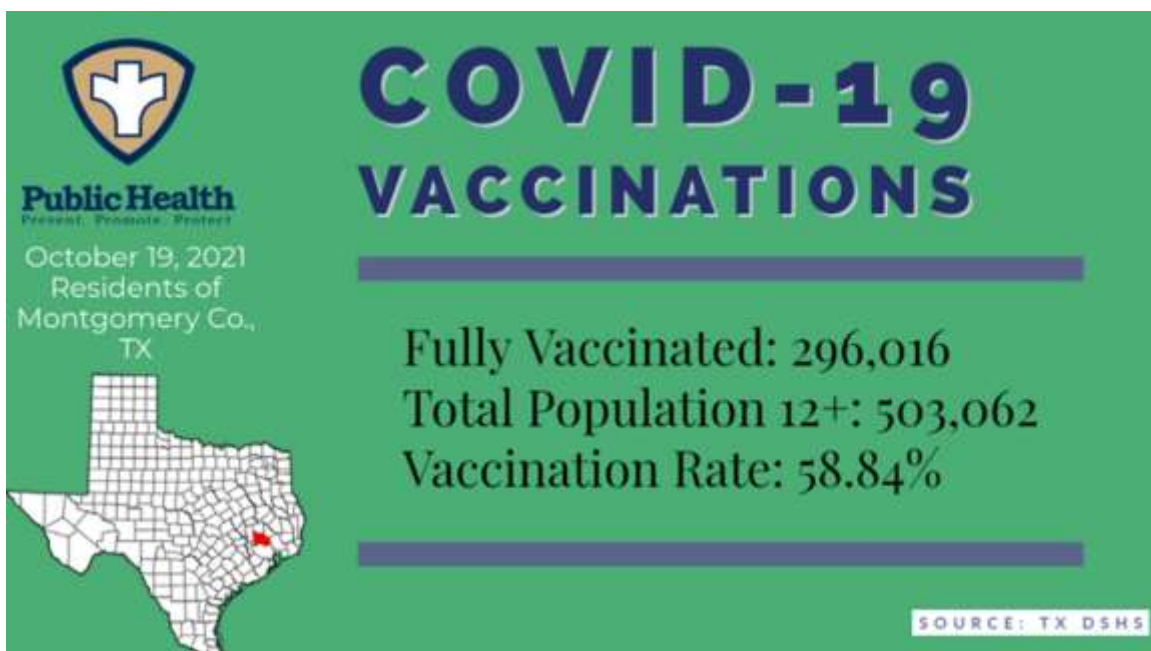
COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

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, would like to continue to encourage residents to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or obtain a booster shot if eligible. As a reminder, due to a continued downward trend in COVID-19 cases, we will scale back to weekly updates starting this week (on Tuesdays only).

The CDC has endorsed Pfizer booster shots for those who are 65 years of age and older, immunocompromised individuals and those who work in high-risk industries. For more information, click here: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p0924-booster-recommendations-.html>.

Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

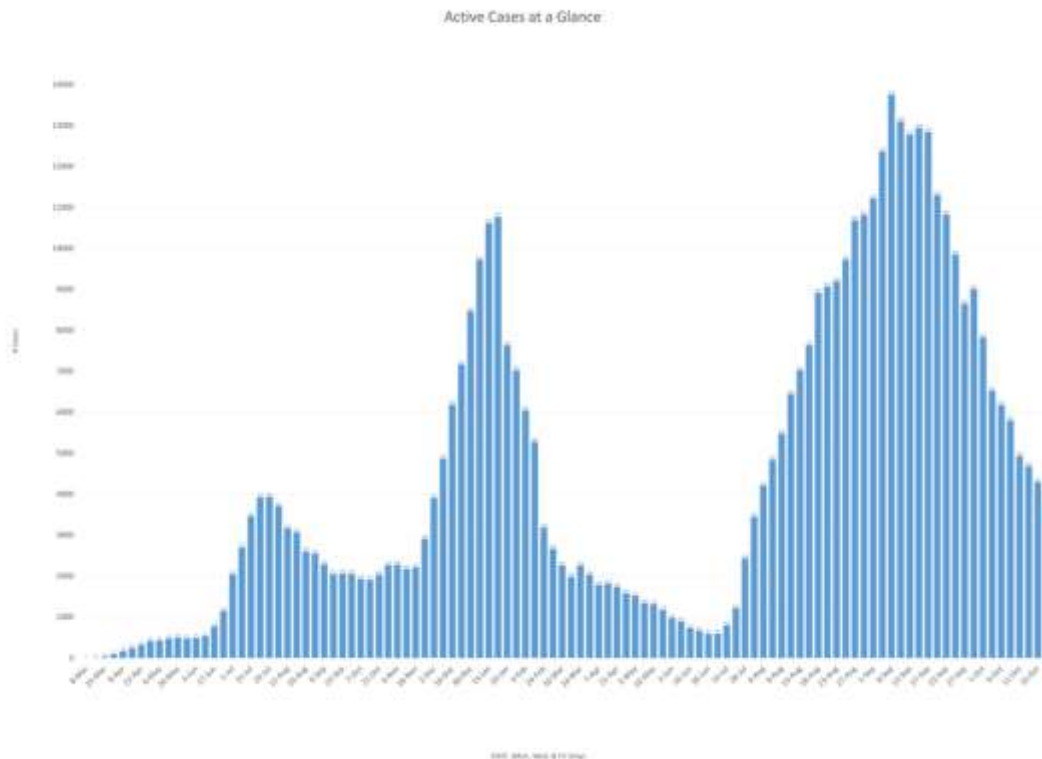


Today, we can confirm four additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A woman in her 30s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 40s, from Magnolia, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 70s, from Conroe, died in a nursing home. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 80s, from Porter, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.

Today:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 248 to 87,132 since Friday's (10/15) report.
 - Of the 248 new cases, 34 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 623 to 3,678 since Friday's (10/15) report.



- 385 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.
- 82,780 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 9%, down from 11% last Friday.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

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



COVID-19 UPDATE

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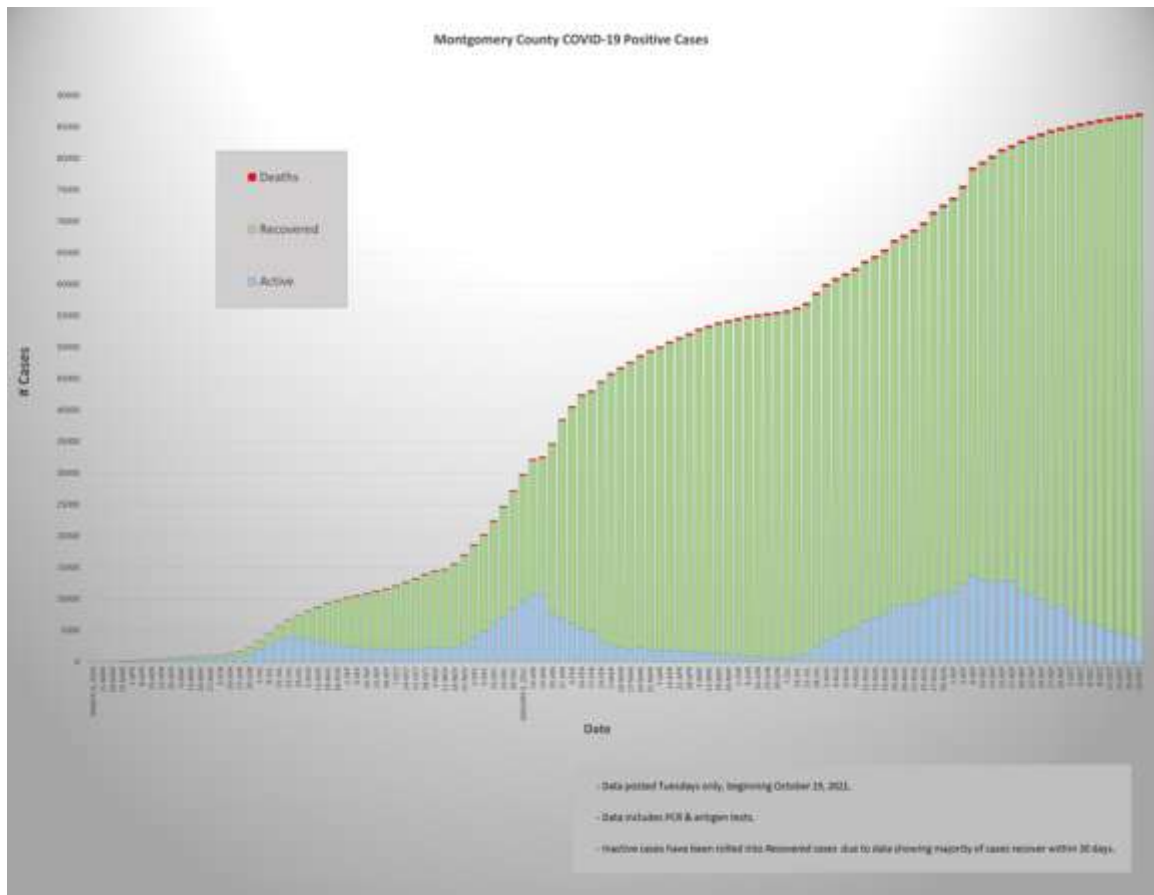
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Residents of
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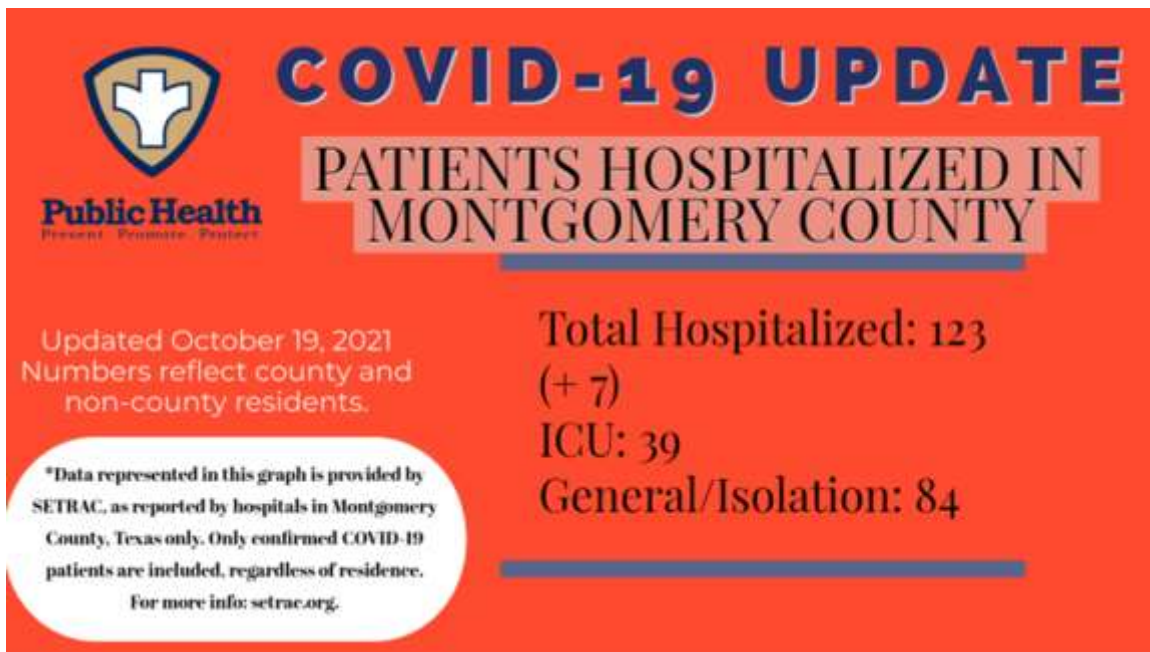
Active Cases: 3,678

*Reporting of inactive cases ended as of 10/1/2021. All cases (except those who are hospitalized or deceased) will be considered "recovered" to support past data that the vast majority of patients clinically recover within 30 days.

Reinfected: 42
Hospitalized: 385
Recovered: 82,780
Deaths: 449
Total: 87,132

KEY CHANGES
(vs. 10/15/2021)
Active cases - 623
Hospitalizations + 10
Recoveries + 864
Deaths + 4
Total cases + 248





SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV>.
Looking for a downloadable case list? The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Have a question about COVID-19? You can reach the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00am-4:30pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

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.***