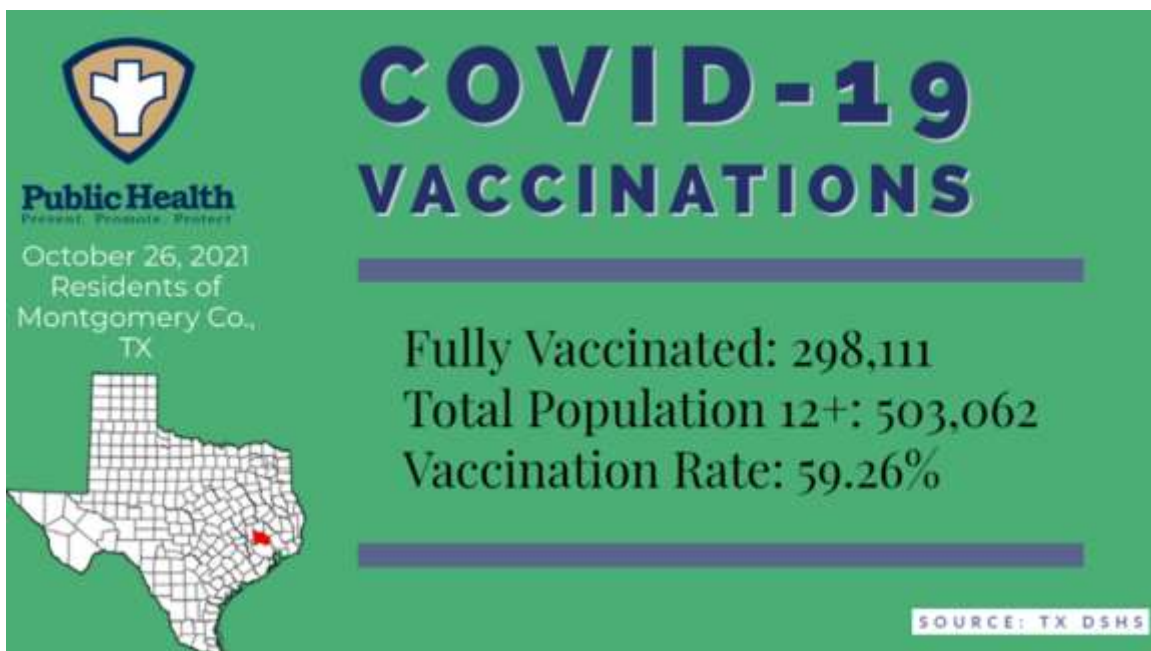**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**
October 26, 2021

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, would like to continue to encourage residents to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or obtain a booster shot if eligible.

The CDC has now endorsed **Moderna and Pfizer** booster shots for those who are 65 years of age and older, immunocompromised individuals and those who work in high-risk industries. The CDC is also recommending boosters for those 18 years of age and older who received the **Johnson & Johnson** vaccine two or more months ago. For more information, click here: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/p1021-covid-booster.html.

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

This week, we have confirmed twelve additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 40s, from Willis, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 50s, from Montgomery, died at home. There were no co-morbidities noted in his medical records. He was not vaccinated.
- A woman in her 50s, from New Caney, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was fully vaccinated.
- A woman in her 50s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was fully vaccinated.
- A woman in her 50s, from Willis, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 50s, from Splendora, died in the hospital. There were no co-morbidities noted in his medical records. He was fully vaccinated.
- A man in his 50s, from Willis, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- A man in his 50s, from Magnolia, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. He was not vaccinated.
- 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.
- A man in his 70s, 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 80s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She had received one dose of a required two-dose vaccine.
- A woman in her 80s, from Spring, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19. She was not vaccinated.

This week:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 536 to 87,668 since last Tuesday's (10/19) report.
  - Of the 536 new cases, 42 are under the age of 12 and not eligible for vaccination.

- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 808 to 2,870 since last Tuesday's (10/19) report.
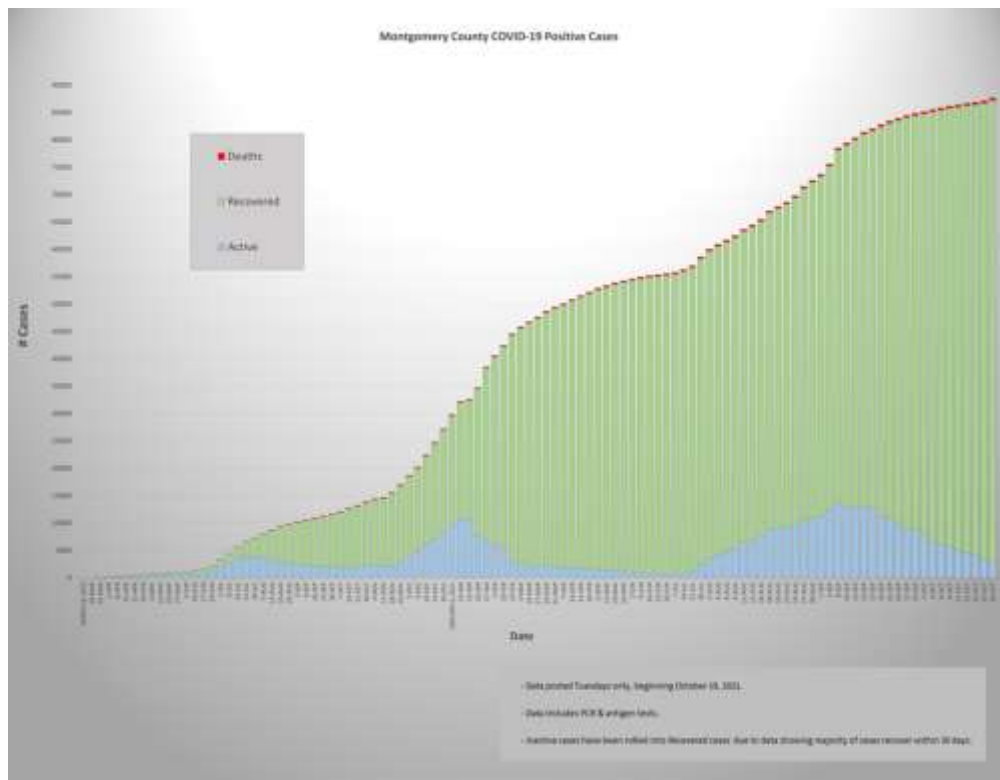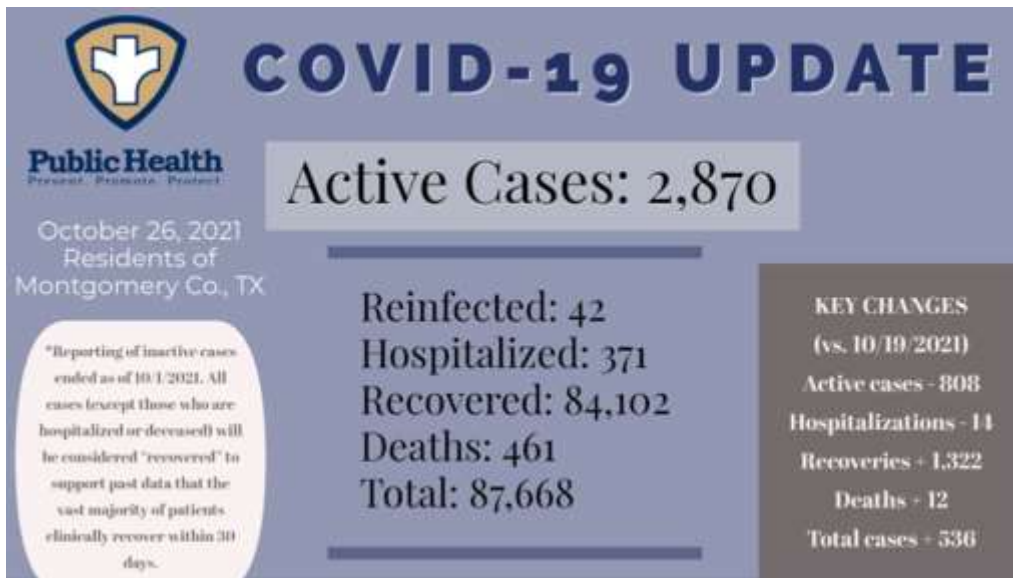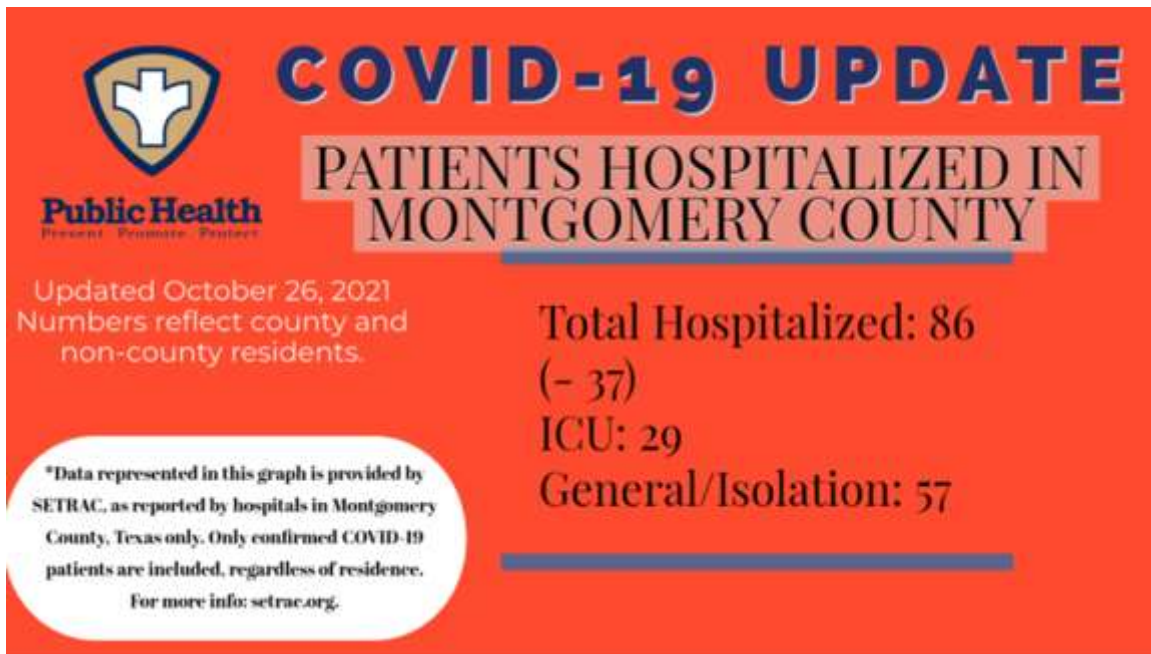

Active Cases at a Glance
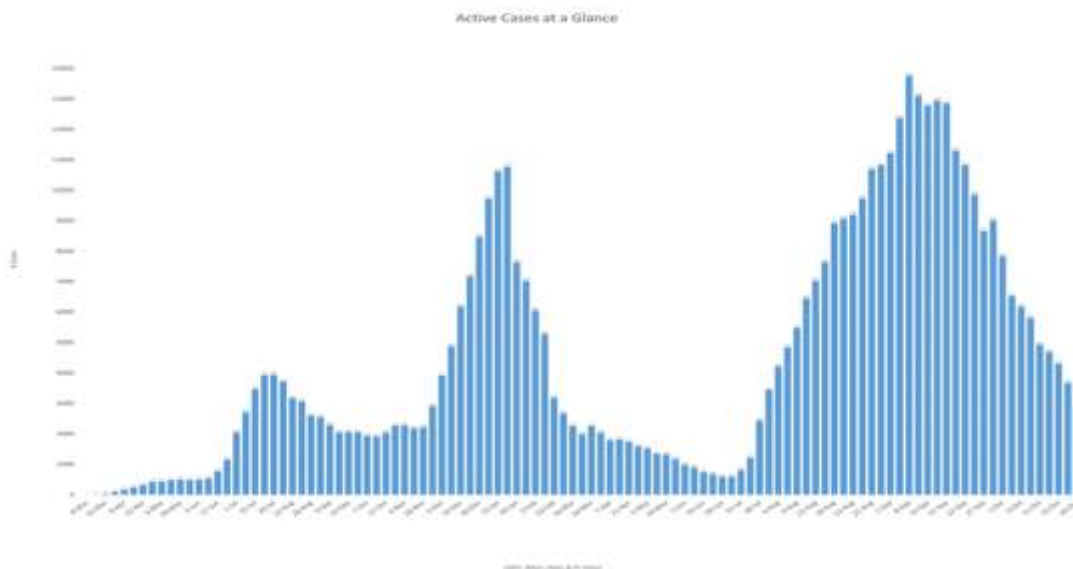
- 371 county residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.

- 84,102 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has decreased to 7%, down from 9% last Tuesday.
Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

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

COVID-19 UPDATE

PATIENTS HOSPITALIZED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Public Health

Updated October 26, 2021
Numbers reflect county and non-county residents.

*Data represented in this graph is provided by SETRAC, as reported by hospitals in Montgomery County, Texas only. Only confirmed COVID-19 patients are included, regardless of residence. For more info: setrac.org.

Total Hospitalized: 86
(- 37)
ICU: 29
General/Isolation: 57

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.*