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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 eligible residents to be vaccinated for COVID-19. Every new emerging variant emphasizes the need for vaccinations and booster shots for eligible populations. Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: https://www.vaccines.gov/.

This week, the CDC altered its guidance for asymptomatic positive cases of COVID-19 or for those whose symptoms have resolved quickly. Please read the guidance in its entirety here: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html.
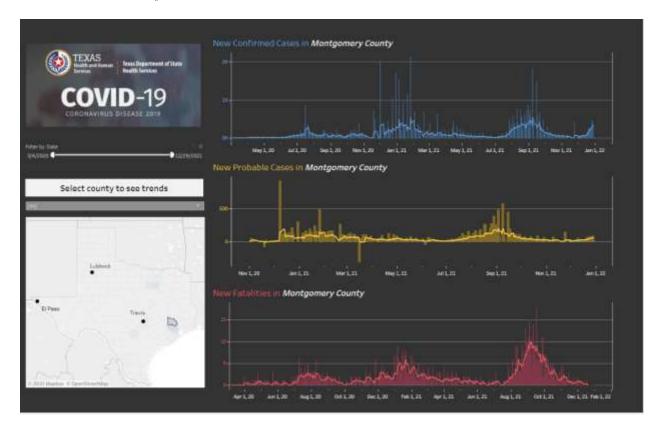
MCPHD reports weekly on Tuesdays (today's report is delayed due to the holiday), but DSHS updates daily at this link: https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc.

Since our last report on 12/21/2021:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 2,918 to 94,783. *Total cases include confirmed (PCR testing) and probable (antigen testing) cases.*

- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 2,212 to 4,456 (estimated per DSHS definitions).

- Deaths of Montgomery County residents have increased by 2 to 1,133 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, according to data from DSHS.

- Recoveries from COVID-19 have increased by 704 to 89,194 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 (estimated per DSHS definitions).
- 122 confirmed cases of COVID-19 are currently hospitalized in Montgomery County. SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations can be found here: https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County has increased to 19%, up from 6% last week.
Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.