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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, can confirm we have reached an **all-time high** of COVID-19 active cases in Montgomery County.

Those who have been vaccinated and/or boosted tend to have mild symptoms and the majority can recover at home. Need to find a vaccine or a vaccine booster shot? Click here for vaccine sites: <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

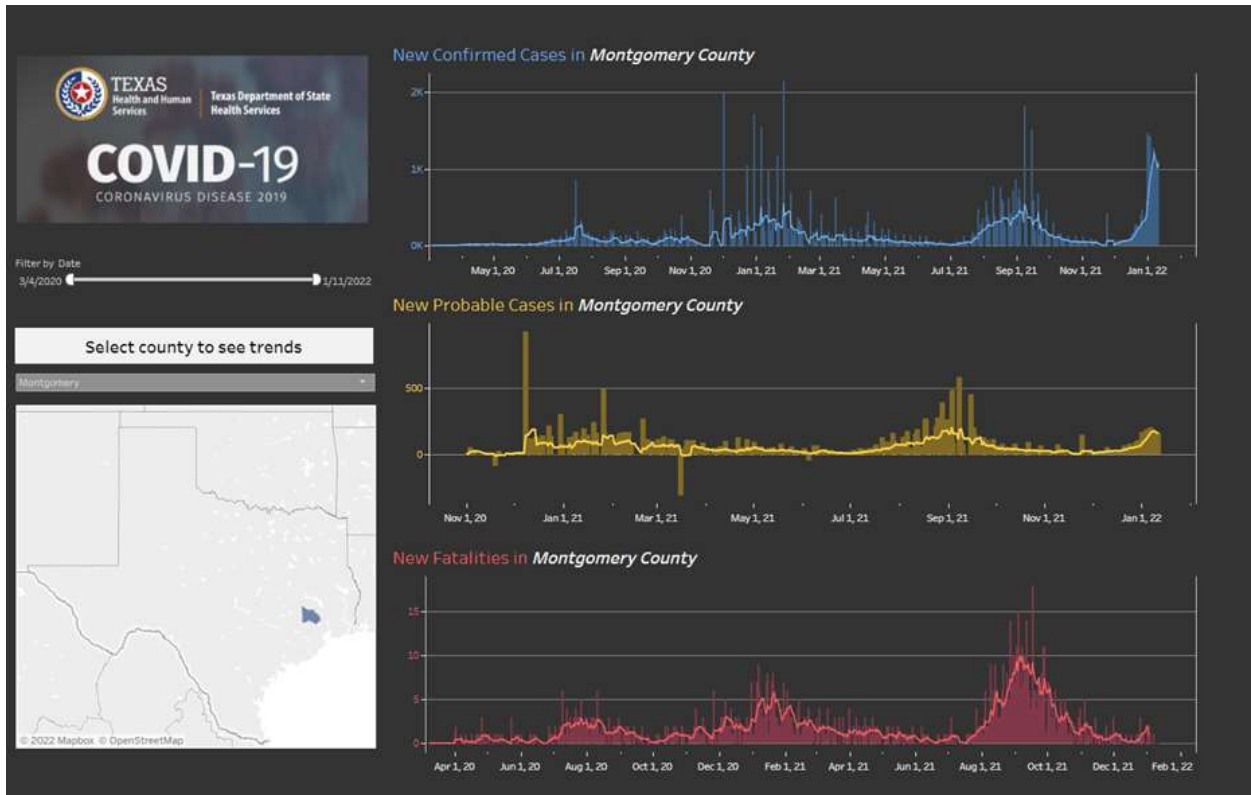
If you are diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19 , please follow the CDC guidance here: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>.

MCPHD reports weekly on Tuesdays, but DSHS updates daily at this link: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc>.

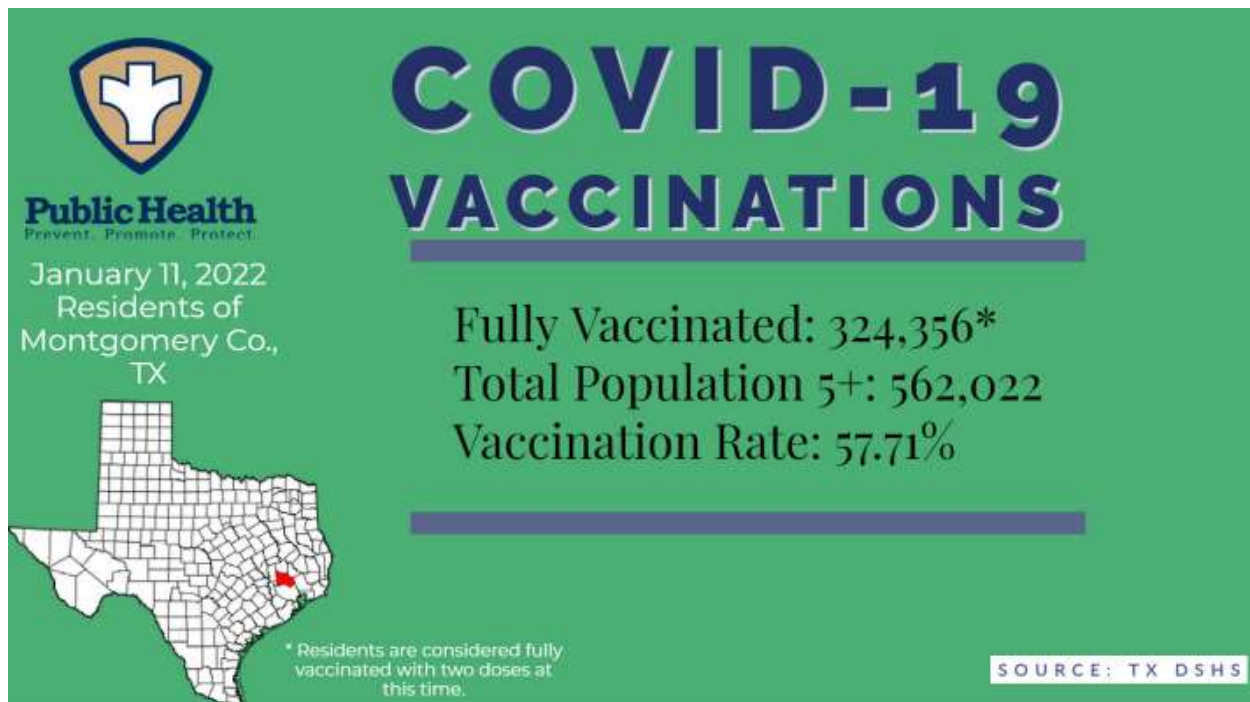
Since our last report on
1/4/2022:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 9,548 to 110,225. **Total cases include confirmed (PCR testing) and probable (antigen testing) cases.*
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 7,105 to 16,652 (estimated per DSHS definitions).
- Deaths of Montgomery County residents have increased by 13 to 1,153 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, according to data from DSHS.
- Recoveries from COVID-19 have increased by 2,431 to 92,420 since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 (estimated per DSHS definitions).
- 307 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 38%, up from 23% 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/>.



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:

- *Get tested if you feel sick.*
- *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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