



## **MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS UPDATE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK**

*Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, can confirm Montgomery County now has 31 positive cases of COVID-19, an increase of 8 from yesterday (see more information below.) We would like to emphasize the importance of staying home if you are able and social distancing. The virus is now in all parts of our county. Regardless of exactly where these patients reside, it is spreading in the community. Increased hygiene practices, like frequent hand washing and surface disinfecting, are imperative.

As of 3:00 pm today, MCPHD has been notified of 241 negative and 31 positive test results of county residents. We have results pending for another 149 residents.

Here are updates on Montgomery County's current cases:

\*map of areas is attached to this email

Case # 1 - A man in his 40s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County, is still hospitalized. He remains in critical condition, but he is stable and continues improvement. As a result of our investigation, we do believe he contracted the virus as a result of community spread. (reported 03/10/2020)

Case # 2 - A woman, in her 40s, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. She remains in a hospital in Harris County, in critical condition, but she is stable and is showing improvement. Her only travel was to New Orleans. (reported 3/12/2020)

Case # 3 - A man, in his 40s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County. He has been re-admitted to the hospital. His only travel was to Florida. (reported 3/12/2020)

Case # 4 - A woman, in her 40s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County. Fortunately, she has fully recovered. Her case is connected to Case # 3. (reported 3/14/2020)

Case # 5 – A man, in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation in his home. The man has recently traveled to California. (reported 3/17/2020)

Case # 6 - A man, in his 40s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. At this time, he is in isolation in his home. The man has recently traveled to California. (reported 3/18/2020)

Case # 7 – A woman, in her 60s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County. At this time, she is in isolation in her home. She has no recent travel history, and no known contact with other patients. (reported 3/18/2020)

Case # 8 – A woman, in her 40s, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. At the time, she is in isolation in her home. She has recently traveled to Germany. (reported 3/19/2020)

Case # 9 – A man, in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is currently hospitalized in critical but stable condition. No known travel. (reported 3/19/2020)

Case # 10 – A woman in her 50s, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. She is in isolation at home. She did attend the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo on Sunday, March 8th. (reported 3/20/2020)

Case # 11 – A man in his 90s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is currently hospitalized and stable. He has no recent travel history. (reported 3/20/2020)

Case # 12 - A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. He recently traveled to Brazil. (reported 3/20/2020)

Case # 13 – A woman in her 30s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County. She is in isolation at home. She has no recent travel history. (reported 3/21/2020)

Case # 14 - A woman in her 40s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. Her case is connected to a Smith County, Texas case, where she recently traveled. She at currently at home in isolation. (reported 3/22/2020)

Case # 15 - A man in his 40s, who has been in Northeast Montgomery County for a work-related purpose. He is currently in insolation at his residence. His only recent travel is to Houston. (reported 3/22/2020)

Case # 16 – A female teenager, 13-19 years old, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. She is in isolation at her home. She has recent travel to New Orleans. (reported 3/23/2020)

Case # 17 – A woman in her 20s, who resides in Northwest Montgomery County. She is in isolation at her home. This is believed to be a case of community spread because she was in close contact with a suspected case. (reported 3/23/2020)

Case # 18 – A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at his home. He has recent travel to Chicago, Illinois. (reported 3/23/2020)

Case # 19 - A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at his home. He has recent travel to California. (reported 3/23/2020)

Case # 20 – A man in his 30s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at his home. He has recent travel New York. (reported 3/24/2020)

Case # 21 – A woman in her 60s, who resides in Northeast Montgomery County. She is hospitalized. No recent travel. (reported 3/24/2020)

Case # 22 – A woman in her 30s, who resides in Northeast Montgomery County. She is in isolation at home. The only recent travel is to Houston. (reported 3/24/2020)

Case # 23 – A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. He has recent travel to France, Germany and Spain. (3/24/2020)

Case # 24 – A woman in her 30s, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. She is in isolation at home. No recent travel. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 25 – A man in his 40s, who resides in Southeast Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. He has not traveled outside of Texas. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 26 – A woman in her 80s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. She is in isolation at home. No recent travel. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 27 – A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. His case is still under investigation. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 28 – A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. Recent travel to Salt Lake City, Denver, Baltimore and Oakland. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 29 – A man in his 50s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. Recent travel to Los Angeles. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 30 – A man in his 60s who resides in Northeast Montgomery County. He is in isolation at home. This case is connected to Case # 21. (reported 3/25/2020)

Case # 31 – A woman in her 40s, who resides in Southwest Montgomery County. Her case is still under investigation. Recent travel to Utah. (reported 3/25/2020)

The current CDC recommendation is that the majority of people who contract this virus can successfully recover at home. If you start experiencing symptoms which include coughing, fever and shortness of breath, and they become severe – contact your healthcare provider. The CDC believes that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or as long as 14 days after exposure.

Tips for the general public:

- Wash hands often for 20 seconds and encourage others to do the same.
- If no soap and water are available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Disinfect surfaces, buttons, handles, knobs, and other places touched often.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

For more information, please see <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>.

Montgomery County Public Health District's mission is promoting a healthy, resilient community through health education, disease prevention, clinical services, and emergency preparedness. For more information about the Montgomery County Public Health District please go to [www.mcphd-tx.org](http://www.mcphd-tx.org).

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