NEWS RELEASE

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, November 12, 2020

Township News

Free COVID-19 Testing at Township Town Hall—NEW HOURS
The Woodlands Township is a host location for free COVID-19 testing performed by COVID-19 testing company, Curative, Inc. The walk-up testing will take place **from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week** at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, located at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd. The Woodlands, TX 77381 until future notice. Read the full release here.

County News

Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count November 12, 2020
Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can sadly confirm two additional deaths related to COVID-19.

- A woman in her 80s, from Magnolia, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.
- A woman in her 80s, from Spring, died in the hospital. She had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

Your patience and understanding is appreciated during the transition to the Texas Health Trace database. The following update includes cases they have added since 11/5/2020.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 513 to 14,793 since last Thursday's (11/5) report. All 513 new cases were tested in the month of November.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 271 to 2,279 since last Thursday's (11/5) report. An additional 225 cases have been marked as "inactive" since they have been unable to contact them for more than 30 days.

- 31 residents are known, as a result of contact investigations, to be in the hospital. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 9,271 people have clinically recovered. Some of the recovery data is unavailable at this time due to the database transition.

*These numbers include PCR and rapid antigen testing. We do not include antibody testing. Have questions? Please go to https://mcphd-tx.org/ and scroll down to the FAQs.

COVID-19 STATS MONTGOMERY COUNTY AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Active Cases: 2,279 (+271) The +/- represents change from prior day's report.

Hospitalized: 31 (-5) Deaths: 161 (+2)

Recovered: 9,271 (+15) Total Number of Positive Cases: 14,793 (+513)

All information provided by Montgomery County Public Health District.

You can find more information on the SETRAC website. View the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here. Refer to the dashboard here.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count
Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the map.

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County. Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 1,490 confirmed positive cases with 163 active cases, and 77389 has 773 confirmed positive cases with 72 active cases.

COVID-19 Case Count Brief Data provided by The Woodlands Fire Department

COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department
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Montgomery County
14,793 – Confirmed, +513
2,279 – Active Cases, +271
161 – Deaths, +2
9,271 – Recovered, +15
31 – Hospitalized, -5

Harris County
83,034 – Confirmed, +2,524
5,979 – Active Cases, +77
948 – Deaths, +5
76,096 – Recovered, +2,442

Montgomery County Testing
Yesterday, Wednesday, November 11, 2020, was the last day for residents to sign up online for Free COVID-19 testing voucher.

Harris County Testing
Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at hcphtx.org. Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

State and National News

Community Use of Cloth Masks for SARS-CoV-2
SARS-CoV-2 infection is transmitted predominately by respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe. CDC recommends community use of masks, specifically non-valved multi-layer cloth masks, to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

Masks are primarily intended to reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets, which is especially relevant for asymptomatic or presymptomatic infected wearers who feel well and may be

unaware of their infectiousness to others, and who are estimated to account for more than 50% of transmissions. Masks also help reduce inhalation of these droplets by the wearer.

The community benefit of masking for SARS-CoV-2 control is due to the combination of these effects; individual prevention benefit increases with increasing numbers of people using masks consistently and correctly. Read the full article from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

State of Texas Prepared to Distribute COVID-19 Treatments
Governor Greg Abbott announced November 10, 2020, that the State of Texas has prepared allocation plans to swiftly distribute medicines and vaccines that are now becoming available to treat COVID-19. November 9, 2020 was the first day of what will be many announcements in the coming weeks about the availability of medicines and vaccines to combat COVID-19. Read the full press release.

Governor Renews State of Disaster Declaration for COVID-19
On Friday, November 6, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott renewed the State Disaster Declaration for COVID-19 in November 2020 for all counties in Texas. View the Proclamation.

Avoid Scams
Now is a good time to arm yourself with some tips to avoid fraud. Scammers follow the headlines, and their schemes evolve to take advantage of the things catching our attention. Knowing what to look for helps all of us steer clear of a con artist. Visit the FTC website for more information on current scams such as COVID-19 clinical trials, overpaid utility bills, and more.

It's a Good Time to Get Your Flu Vaccine

While the United States remains focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to be aware of flu season as winter approaches, with activity peaking between December and February. Getting vaccinated now can lower your chances of getting the flu. Flu vaccines approved by the FDA provide important benefits and are your best defense from flu and its potential complications. Learn more from the FDA.

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the Community Resources webpage to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.

Community Help Expo: Navigating Behavior Health and Suicide
The Community Help Expo is designed to bring awareness to mental health issues while also connecting the citizens of Montgomery County to their local mental health resources. The expo is set for today, November 12, 2020 from 1 to 8 p.m. and is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Lone Star Convention and Expo Center in Conroe (9055 Airport Road). The expo will feature presentations, panel discussions, keynote speaker Kevin Hines and an art exhibit. Register in advance for in-person or virtual attendance.

Keep Up with Best Practices During the Pandemic at CDC.GOV
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

The Woodlands Township COVID-19 eNewsletter
The Woodlands Township COVID-19 (Coronavirus) informational enewsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday and as needed. Manage your notifications and subscriptions.

Township's Coronavirus Page
The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected
Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.

Stay Informed with The Woodlands Township
Sign up for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. During a weather-related event, additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency.

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.