



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, February 9, 2021**



**Please Keep Your Street Clear for Emergency Vehicles**

Over the past several months, public safety has seen an increase in vehicles parking on residential streets, as more people are working and schooling from home. In an emergency, emergency vehicles safely arriving at a call for service quickly is imperative. **Parking on both sides of the street inhibits the safe movement of fire apparatus, ambulances, and law enforcement vehicles.** Non-emergency vehicles are also impacted including garbage trucks, school buses and mail delivery. Please park in your driveway or garage.

**VACCINE NEWS**



**Montgomery County Establishes Online Waitlist**

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has established a county-wide waiting list for the COVID-19 vaccine.

People eligible for the vaccine, in Phase 1A or 1B, can sign up here: [www.mctxoem.org](http://www.mctxoem.org). After signing up, please watch your email closely over the next few weeks. Invitations to make an appointment will be sent via email when supply is available.

Individual hospitals, physicians' offices and pharmacies may also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) website here: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx>.



### Vaccine Registration is Now Open

A number of COVID-19 Vaccine Hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. The Township is not a vaccine hub and is not administering vaccines to residents at this time. Please note,

vaccine availability and eligibility is currently limited and demand is high. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply is available. Your patience is appreciated. [Learn more.](#)



### Vaccine Facts: Should I Expect Side Effects from the COVID-19 Vaccines?

Side effects after getting a COVID-19 vaccine are normal signs your body is building protection. Side effects may even feel like flu and might affect your ability to do daily activities, but they should go away in a few days. Learn more at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>



## Vaccination Dashboard

Stay informed about the distribution and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine in Texas.

## COVID-19 Texas Vaccination Data Dashboard

A dashboard is available through the Texas Department of State Health Services showing COVID-19 vaccination data in Texas. The charts below illustrate vaccines allocated, shipped and administered in the state of Texas, Montgomery County and Harris County, as of February 1, 2021. [View the dashboard.](#)

## CDC COVID Data Tracker

CDC's home for COVID-19 data, the [COVID Data Tracker](#), has a new homepage with updated tools and features. These improvements make it easier to find needed data to help protect yourself, your family and your community. Data sets are updated daily, and new features are added every week. [Search for data by county.](#)

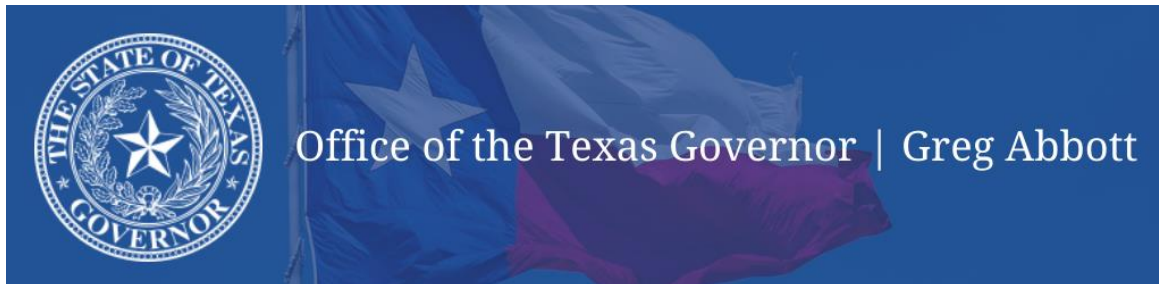


## Get Your Flu Shot

With both flu and COVID-19 circulating this season, getting a flu shot is more important than ever. [Learn more about what you can do to protect yourself and your loved ones.](#)

For more information about COVID-19, please visit [dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus](https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus) or [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

## State News



## Governor Abbott, TDHCA Announce Statewide COVID-19 Rental Relief Program

Governor Greg Abbott today announced that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has launched the Texas Rent Relief Program — the first statewide rent and utility assistance program for qualifying households throughout Texas. This program has been created to administer the more than \$1 billion allocated to Texas through the latest federal COVID-19 stimulus bill. TDHCA will begin accepting applications for the program on Monday, February 15, 2021, but Texans can visit [TexasRentRelief.com](https://TexasRentRelief.com) starting today to learn more about qualifications, required documents, and the application process. [Read more about the program.](#)

## COVID-19 TESTING



### Curative Testing at the Township

Testing takes place seven days a week at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, located at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, TX 77381, and Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382, with daily hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ups are welcome.

**NEW!** Curative's testing sites at Town Hall and Sterling Ridge Park and Ride have been extended through March 31, 2021. An additional testing location at Rob Fleming Aquatic Center (parking lot) will be opening as a walk-up/mobile testing site beginning February 24 through March 24, 2021.

For more information about COVID-19 testing by Curative, please visit the Township [website](#), or [www.curative.com](http://www.curative.com).

Please note, the FDA recently issued a warning regarding [false test results](#) from Curative.

## County News

Today, Montgomery County can confirm an additional death related to COVID-19.

- A man in his 80s, from Conroe, died in the hospital. He had co-morbidities in addition to testing positive for COVID-19.

Also confirmed:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 413 to 42,261 since yesterday's (2/8) report. Of the 413 new cases, 382 were tested since 1/28/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 507 to 5,177 since yesterday's (2/8) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, they account for additional inactive cases who they have been unable to contact for 30 days or more. Today, they added 851 additional inactive cases.
- 72 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.
- 19,857 people have clinically recovered.

**The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 17%. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.**

*Source: UT Health, School of Public Health*

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

# COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) STATS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY | AS OF FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Active Cases: 5,177 (-507)



**Hospitalized**

72 (+7)



**Recovered**

19,857 (+67)



**Deaths**

225 (+1)



**Total Number of Positive Cases**

42,261 (+413)

The +/- represents change from 2/8/2021 report. All information provided by Montgomery County Public Health District.

You can view the case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Do you have general questions regarding COVID-19, COVID-19 testing or vaccines? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## 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 3,538 confirmed positive cases with 379 active cases, and 77389 has 1,989 confirmed positive cases with 227 active cases.



## COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department

All numbers since February 4, 2021



### **Montgomery County**

42,261 – Confirmed +1307

5,177 – Active -1059

225 – Deaths +4

19,857 – Recovered +637

72 – Hospitalized +14

### **Harris County**

166,138 – Confirmed +2758

19,029 – Active Cases -3370

1,243 – Deaths +33

145,848 – Recovered +6495

### **Montgomery County Testing**

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### **Harris County Testing**

Residents may also sign up for free COVID-19 testing online at [hcphtx.org](http://hcphtx.org). Call 832-927-7575 for more information.

## ***AROUND THE TOWNSHIP***

### **Visit The Woodlands Recovery Plan**



In The Woodlands, hotels, restaurants, shopping and many of your favorite outdoor activities are opened with enhanced safety protocols. Travel and tourism is a huge economic generator for our community. It was important to gradually reopen with a strategic and phased Recovery Plan, which is available for you to read from the Visit The Woodlands website. We are looking forward to safely welcoming you back. And in The Woodlands, our welcome is more than a gesture, it is an encouragement to protect your health while extending our heartfelt hospitality. [Learn more about The Woodlands Recovery Plan.](#)

## RESOURCES



**#OurHearts**  
are physically active together

### February is American Heart Month

When we take care of our hearts as part of our self-care, we set an example for others. **Share how you're caring for your heart.**

NIH  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

THE HEART TRUTH

### February is American Heart Month

When we take care of #OurHearts as part of our self-care, we set an example for those around us to do the same. Focusing on your heart health has never been more important. People with poor cardiovascular health are also at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19. About 1,237,000 people in Texas have coronary heart disease. This is the most common form of heart disease and can often be prevented. Learn more about Heart Month from the [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#).



### View Hospital Use Through SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council ([SETRAC](#))

[SETRAC](#) is a powerful coalition of providers, responders and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration. You can find more information and view hospital use related to COVID-19 on their website, [setrac.org](http://setrac.org).

### Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-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 with The Woodlands Township

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/stayinformed](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/stayinformed).

Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme). Additional information can be found at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/emergency).



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*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](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme). This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.*