



NEWS RELEASE

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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Woodlands Township to Hold Board of Directors Meeting

The Woodlands Township will hold a Board of Directors Meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6 p.m. at The Woodlands Township Town Hall. [View the Agenda.](#)

WINTER STORM FOLLOW-UP



Watch out for Utility Scams Following Last Week's Winter Events

Scammers know severe weather may have shut off your electricity, heat, and water and might pose as your utility company. They might call to say that they're sorry your power went out and offer a reimbursement, but first they need your bank account information. Protect yourself from these scammers by learning the facts now at

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/02/utility-scams-are-snow-joke>,



Protect from Mold when Repairing from Storm Damage

With many people suffering from water damage due to broken pipes, it's understandable to want the home back to normal as quickly as possible. What should not be overlooked, however, is the strong possibility of mold growth in these wet areas and how to prevent this from becoming a serious health hazard. Learn more about this crucial information here:

<https://moldpedia.com/mold-in-house-signs>



Storm Debris Dumpster Service

The Township is providing storm debris dumpster service beginning Saturday, February 20, 2021 through Sunday, February, 28, 2021, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Township will have staff on duty at each location:

- Sterling Ridge Park and Ride - 801 McBeth Way
- Research Forest Park and Ride - 3900 Marsico Place
- Wendtwoods Park Gardens - 8950 Creekside Green Drive

This service is provided free of charge. [Get details and location information here.](#)



Winter Weather Tips from the FTC Last week provided some unique challenges to our area, and the more information residents have on how to handle these circumstances, the better these challenges can be met. The Federal Trade Commission has plenty of helpful information and resources for recovery available for free here:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2021/02/free-winter-weather-emergency-tips-ftc>



THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
EXTRA TRASH UPDATE
 February 22-26
 A different truck will pickup extra trash bags. Leave cart beside bags.
5 extra bag maximum
 The first 3 bags do not need a pink tag. The remaining 2 will each require a tag.
 Bags can also be taken to storm debris dumpsters at 3 locations

Additional Trash Bag Service Update

A different truck will visit each house separate from the regular trash truck to pick up additional bags. All routes run until 7 p.m. If your bags are not picked up by the following morning, please contact Waste Management at 1(800)800-5804 or cssatex@wm.com to report a missed pickup OR you may take your additional bags to one of the 3 storm debris dumpster locations. Please note there will be no yard waste service this week. [Read more.](#)



FEMA Announces Emergency Aid for Texas

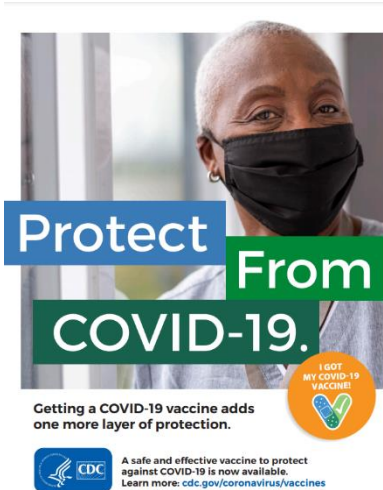
FEMA announced federal emergency aid has been made available to the state of Texas to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in areas affected by a severe winter storm beginning on Feb. 11, 2021 and continuing. Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at <https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY.



Streetscape Health

At this time the Township is aware of the damage to many of the plants and vegetation in our Streetscapes system. We are evaluating the plants to see if they regenerate growth in the following 2-3 weeks. Whatever plant material does not rebound will be removed and evaluated for replacement.

VACCINE NEWS



Learn the Facts About the COVID-19 Vaccines

To stop this pandemic, it will require the use all of the prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with the body's natural defenses so the body will be ready to fight the virus. Take a look at the [COVID-19 Fact Sheet](#) to learn more about the vaccines.

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. Watch the video to learn more:

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



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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.](#)

Vaccine Hubs and Waiting Lists

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. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply is available. Your patience is appreciated. [Learn more.](#)

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>.

The Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers call center hours Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Montgomery County residents, 65 years and older. Call 936-523-3916 during these hours to be assisted.

Harris County has established a hotline for their senior constituents through the HCP4 Encore Department. The HCP4 Encore staff is available as a resource to offer more information on the vaccination registration process from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 713-274-4050.

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 or www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

COVID-19 TESTING



Free COVID Testing Begins Wednesday at Rob Fleming Aquatic Center

A new Curative walk-up testing location has been added to The Woodlands. The Rob Fleming Aquatic Center, located at 6535 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389, will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

This new testing location is an addition to the two

other current sites, 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, also from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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

County News

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, confirms COVID-19 mass vaccine distribution continues this week. Multiple providers are providing first and second doses. Please watch your email closely if you are eligible for your first or second dose.

Please note, the Montgomery County COVID-19 waitlist is under maintenance while MCOHEM switches it to a new system. It is expected to be back up and running by the end of the week.

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>.

Montgomery County Public Health confirms an additional death related to COVID-19:

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

In addition:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 93 to 44,439 since yesterday's (2/22) report. Of the 93 new cases, 74 were tested since 2/11/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 632 to 3,111 since yesterday's (2/22) report. On Tuesdays and Fridays, we account for additional cases we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more. We added 560 additional inactive cases today.
- 89 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.
- 21,582 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County remains at 15% for two weeks. This number is updated weekly on Wednesdays.

Source: UT Health, School of Public Health

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

COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) STATS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY | AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Active Cases: 3,111 (-632)



Hospitalized

89 (-6)



Recovered

21,582 (+71)



Deaths

240 (+1)



Total Number of
Positive Cases

44,439 (+93)

The +/- represents change from 2/22/2021 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 your part to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- ***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.***
- ***Teach children proper hygiene and the correct way to wear a mask.***
- ***Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.***
- ***Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.***
- ***As supply and eligibility increases, get vaccinated.***

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 3,701 confirmed positive cases with 246 active cases, and 77389 has 2,072 confirmed positive cases with 142 active cases.



COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department

All numbers since February 11, 2021

Montgomery County

44,439 – Confirmed +1629

3111 – Active -2197

240 – Deaths +11

21,582 – Recovered +1315

89 – Hospitalized +2

Harris County

172,906 - Confirmed +6677

11,456 - Active Cases -6527

1301 - Deaths +50

160,394 - Recovered +11,536

Montgomery County Testing

Do you have questions regarding COVID-19 or COVID-19 testing? The Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Harris County Testing

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

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP



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.



Open Restaurants
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Find Open Hotels and Restaurants

Visit The Woodlands has compiled a list of OPEN RESTAURANTS and available HOTELS in The Woodlands. Diners should expect reduced hours and limited menus, please check with restaurants by calling ahead for hours of operation to ensure they were able to stay open or to make reservations. The list is being updated regularly as more restaurants and services become available and can welcome guests safely.

View the list here: <https://bit.ly/37iflFl>

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.**

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](https://www.heart.org).

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**SAVE A LIFE
DONATE
BLOOD**

Be a Giver. Commit to Life.

The Woodlands Family YMCAs to Host Blood Donor Coach.

Branch Crossing YMCA, 8100 Ashlane Way
Friday, February 26, 2021 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

https://www.commitforlife.org/.../drive_schedule/322266

Shadowbend YMCA, 6145 Shadowbend Place

Friday, March 5, 2021 | 3 to 7 p.m.

https://www.commitforlife.org/.../drive_schedule/327181



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.

Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at 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. Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/notifyme. Additional information can be found at www.thewoodlandstowship-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.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/notifyme. This newsletter is published every Tuesday and Thursday, or as needed.