

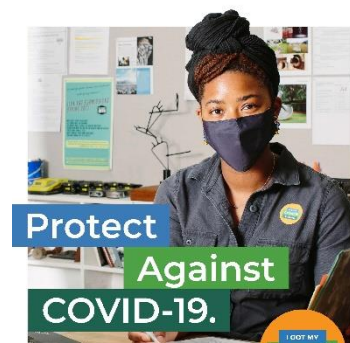


**NEWS RELEASE**

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**The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Thursday, March 18, 2021**

**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.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations to be Available for Ages 50+**

Texas will continue to protect those at the greatest risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 by expanding vaccination to people 50 to 64 years of age on March 15, 2021. [Read the news release.](#)

**Vaccine Hubs and Waiting Lists**

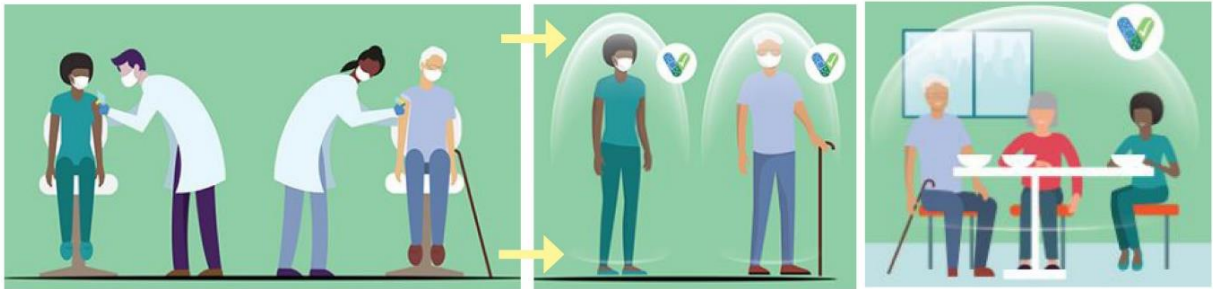
A number of COVID-19 vaccine hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply 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.](#)

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.




### What to Know When You've Been Fully Vaccinated

People who are fully vaccinated can start to do some things they stopped doing because of the pandemic, according to a news announcement from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). It's good to know what's considered safe and what precautions should still be followed after being fully vaccinated. [Read 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. [Get more information now.](#)



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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. [View the dashboard.](#)



### "Save Our Seniors" Initiative to Vaccinate Homebound Seniors In Texas

As part of the statewide Save Our Seniors Initiative, the state will deploy more than 1,100 National Guardsmen to assist communities in vaccinating homebound seniors. The guardsmen will be broken up into teams that will deploy across the state. Some members of these teams will focus on identifying and registering homebound seniors for the program while others will

visit homes and administer vaccines. The state is dedicating up to 8,000 vaccines to this initiative for the first week and will work with organizations like Meals On Wheels and nursing groups to identify homebound seniors who volunteer to be vaccinated. The program launched Monday, March 1, 2021. [Read complete release.](#)

## COVID-19 TESTING

### Extended Hours for Free COVID-19 Testing



The three Curative COVID-19 Testing locations in The Woodlands are open until 6 p.m. daily.

- Rob Fleming Aquatic Center, 6535 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389. Appointments are recommended for this location, and can be made [here](#).
- The Woodlands Township Town Hall, 2801 Technology Forest Blvd., The Woodlands, TX 77381.
- Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382.

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.

### Township Protocols

The Woodlands Township facilities are open while at the same time maintaining safety protocols for its employees and visitors due to COVID-19. At this time, The Woodlands Township will continue with face coverings at Township facilities and in participation of Township programs and events, including meetings at Town Hall and programs and services at boat houses, adventure courses and recreational centers. The Township asks that participants abide with safety protocols when visiting a Township facility. Facemasks can be removed while actively engaged in physical exercise/activities where a distance of six feet from other individuals not associated with you can be maintained at all times. [Read complete protocol statement.](#)

## COUNTY NEWS

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm mass vaccinations continue in our county by appointment. To check eligibility, click here:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine.aspx>.

Lone Star Family Health Center, individual hospitals, physicians' offices, and pharmacies also have vaccines available to eligible populations. Please check their websites and Facebook pages for additional information. You can find a list of providers and additional information on the DSHS website here: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx>.

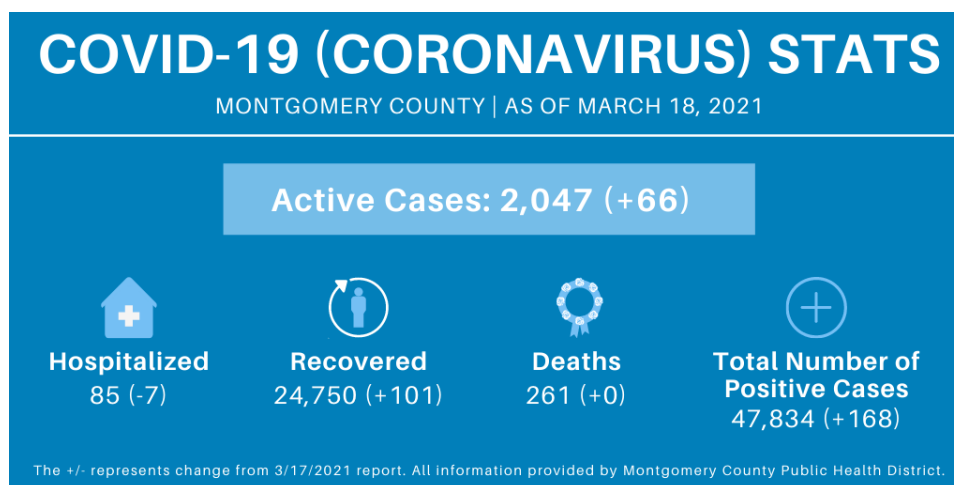
Today, we can confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 168 to 47,834 since Wednesday's (3/17) report. All 168 cases were tested since 3/4/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 66 to 2,047 since Wednesday's (3/18) report.
- 85 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.
- 24,750 people have clinically recovered.

**The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 11%, down from 12% last week. 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.



SETRAC data for regional hospitalizations was last updated 3/17/2021. Updates can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3jwhdiV>.

The updated case-by-case list is unavailable today. It is under maintenance. 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 through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Harris County COVID-19 Case Count**

Harris County and the City of Houston launched a new data hub website, replacing their previous dashboard. The [new website](#) features information and data related to COVID-19 in Harris County, trends, metrics for success, zip code data and much more. Be sure to use an updated browser to view the site:

<https://covid-harriscounty.hub.arcgis.com/pages/cumulative-data>.

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 4,059 confirmed positive cases with 161 active cases, and 77389 has 2,265 confirmed positive cases with 114 active cases.



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

*All numbers since 3/16/2021*

### **Montgomery County**

47,834 – Confirmed +239

2,047 – Active +10

261 – Deaths +5

24,750 – Recovered +272

85 – Hospitalized -9

### **Harris County**

188,940 - Confirmed +701

7,527 - Active Cases -42

1,416 - Deaths +14

179,979 - Recovered +729

### **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.

### **CDC COVID Data Tracker**

CDC's home for COVID-19 data, the [COVID Data Tracker](#), has many tools and features to find 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.](#)

## ***RESOURCES***



### **SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council**

[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).

## Take Care of Each Other to Help Prevent Scams

People living alone or somewhat isolated due to the pandemic are eager to talk with someone else about their concerns, worries or thoughts. Scammers know this, and are ready to take advantage of these people. [Learn more about who's at risk and how to help.](#)

## The Woodlands Family YMCAs to Host Blood Donor Coach in March



Help rebuild the blood supply as more than 3,000 units of blood were lost during the Winter Storm. All donors are encouraged to register online for your preferred time and date. Visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org). Walk-ups are welcomed.

- Shadowbend YMCA, 6145 Shadowbend Place | [Schedule an Appointment](#)  
Thursday, March 25, 2021 | 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

## Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at <https://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 with The Woodlands Township

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

Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at <https://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme>. Additional information can be found at <https://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.*