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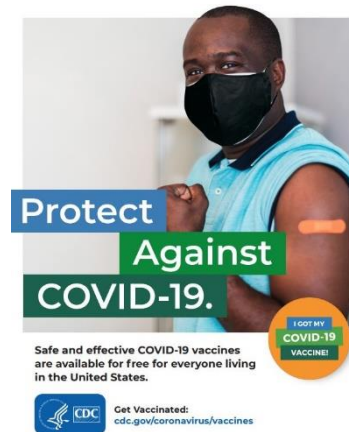
The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Tuesday, April 6, 2021

VACCINE NEWS



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 the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Find out what's considered safe and what precautions should still be followed after being fully vaccinated. [Read more.](#)



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.



Texas Now Open for COVID-19 Vaccination to All Adults

All adults are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in Texas. The Texas Department of State Health Services expects vaccine supplies to increase this week, and providers in multiple parts of the state have made great strides in vaccinating people in the current priority groups. The state's Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel recommended opening vaccination to everyone who falls under

the current Food and Drug Administration emergency use authorizations to protect as many Texans as possible. *DSHS directs providers to continue to prioritize older adults.* [Read the press release.](#)

How to Sign Up for a COVID-19 Vaccine in Texas

People can sign up with a vaccination hub or a community vaccine provider.

- ★ **Sign up with a vaccination hub. Hubs are available across the state**
 - Find a hub near you by checking dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus. Sign up on the hub's website or by calling if a website isn't available.
 - Hubs may have long waiting lists. Do not sign up on multiple waiting lists or vaccine could be wasted.
 - You can get a vaccine at any hub, regardless of where you live.
- ★ **Sign up with a community vaccine provider**
 - Local vaccine providers, like pharmacies, may have vaccine available.
 - Use the Texas COVID-19 vaccine provider map to find a provider near you with vaccine available.
 - Check the provider's website for how to best sign up for a vaccine. Call only if the provider's website doesn't answer your question.

Who can get a vaccine:

Front-line healthcare workers

People 65 and older

People 16+ with a health condition that increases risk of severe COVID-19 illness

Reminders:

DON'T JUST SHOW UP
Do not show up at a vaccine provider without first signing up or checking the provider's instructions for vaccination.

BE PATIENT - SUPPLY IS LIMITED
Vaccine supply is limited. Do not expect every provider to have vaccine available. Texas gets more vaccines each week.

VISIT DSHS WEBSITE
Find vaccination hubs and the Texas COVID-19 vaccine provider map at dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus.

For updates and more information, visit dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus

National Vaccine Locator

Although vaccine eligibility requirements vary by state, there is an online resource to find locations that have available vaccines and information on how to schedule an appointment. Vaccine Finder can be found at <https://vaccinefinder.org/>.

Vaccine Hubs and Waiting Lists

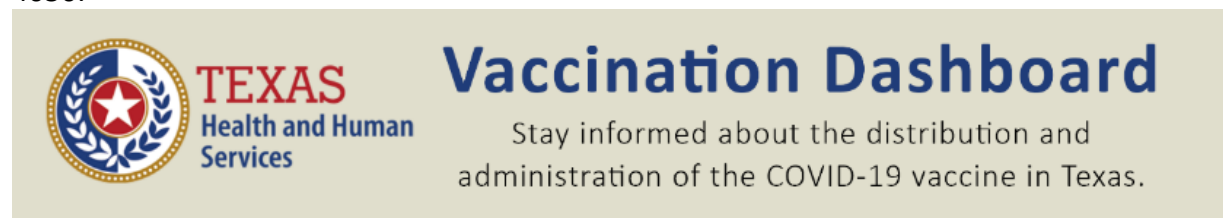
A number of COVID-19 vaccine hubs and vaccination sites are available around The Woodlands and Montgomery County. The Woodlands Township has compiled this information for residents to use in making their decisions regarding COVID-19 vaccines. You may be placed on a waitlist until more vaccine supply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



The banner features the Texas Health and Human Services logo on the left, which includes a star and a wreath. To the right of the logo, the text reads "TEXAS Health and Human Services" in blue. Further right, the title "Vaccination Dashboard" is displayed in a large, bold, blue font. Below the title, a subtitle in a smaller blue font states: "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](#).

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](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Comparison

Curious about the differences amongst the vaccines? [Check out this review](#) from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) that compares vaccine efficacy, vaccine administration, possible side effects, and other key details for each vaccine.



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 program launched in March. [Read the complete release](#).

COVID-19 TESTING



Curative COVID-19 Testing in The Woodlands

Need a COVID-19 test? Three convenient Curative testing sites are located in The Woodlands. Testing is free and each location is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through the end of April. For more information about COVID-19 testing by Curative, please visit the Township [website](#), or www.curative.com.

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

STATE NEWS



Governor Abbott Issues Executive Order Prohibiting Government-Mandated Vaccine Passports

Governor Greg Abbott today issued an Executive Order prohibiting state agencies or political subdivisions in Texas from creating a "vaccine passport" requirement, or otherwise conditioning receipt of services on an individual's COVID-19 vaccination status. The order also prohibits organizations receiving public funds from requiring consumers to provide documentation of vaccine status in order to receive any service or enter any place. [View the Governor's Executive Order](#).

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. All adult residents are now eligible for a vaccine. For more information, please visit: <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: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine-hubs.aspx>.

If you have questions regarding COVID-19, testing or vaccines, please call the Montgomery County COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916. It is available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

- A woman in her 30s, from Montgomery, died in the hospital. There were no co-morbidities noted in her medical records.

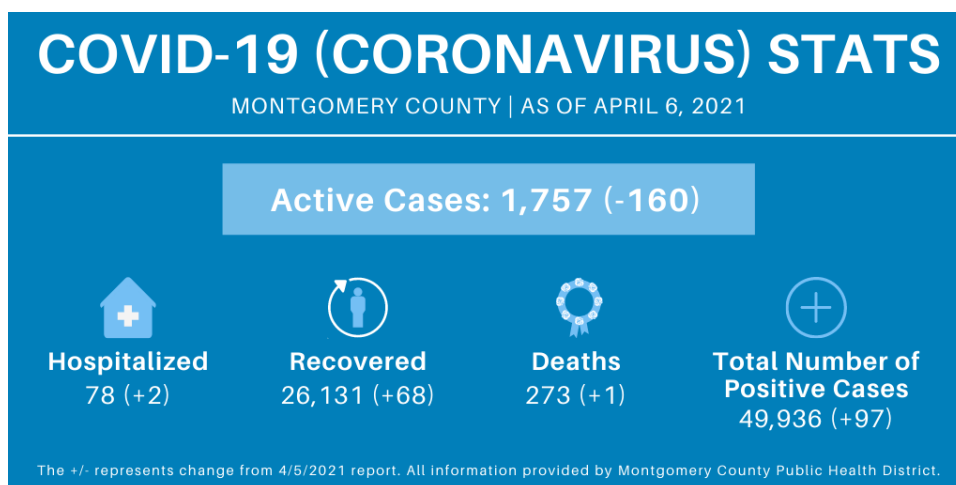
The county can also confirm:

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 97 to 49,936 since Monday's (4/5) report. All 97 new cases were tested since 3/25/2021.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 decreased by 160 to 1,757 since Monday's (4/5) report. Today, we accounted for 188 additional inactive cases. These are cases who we have been unable to contact for 30 days or more.
- 78 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.
- 26,131 people have clinically recovered.

The Testing Positivity Rate for Montgomery County is 10%, up from 9%. 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 4/6/2021. Updates can be found [here](#).

The COVID-19 dashboard for Montgomery County can be found [here](#).

Do your part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

- *Get vaccinated.*
- *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.*

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](#).

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 4,199 confirmed positive cases with 136 active cases, and 77389 has 2,367 confirmed positive cases with 101 active cases.



**COVID-19 Case Count Brief from The Woodlands Fire Department
All numbers since 3/30/2021**

Montgomery County

49,936 – Confirmed +568

1,757 – Active -256

273 – Deaths +7

26,131 – Recovered +422

78 – Hospitalized +5

Harris County

195,073 - Confirmed +2,075

5,681 - Active Cases +125

1,481 - Deaths +22

187,892 - Recovered +2,178

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.

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

Planning to Travel?

The CDC recently issued updated information for travelers. Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread COVID-19. People who are fully vaccinated with an FDA-authorized vaccine can travel safely within the United States and do not need to self-quarantine.

Fully vaccinated travelers should still follow CDC's recommendations for traveling safely, including:

Wear a mask over your nose and mouth

Stay 6 feet from others and avoid crowds

Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer

Read more about traveling: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

CDC's Travel Recommendations

Domestic Travel RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS	Not Vaccinated	Fully Vaccinated
	Get tested 1-3 days before travel	✓
Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don't get tested.	✓	
Self-monitor for symptoms	✓	✓
Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel	✓	✓

Traveling Internationally? Check CDC's [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Destination](#) before planning your trip.



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.

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. Face coverings 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.](#)



Township’s Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township’s COVID-19 page can be found at <https://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 <https://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/stayinformed>.

Sign up directly for news and alerts from the Township at <https://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/notifyme>. Additional information can be found at <https://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 weekly on Tuesdays, or as needed.