



**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Township issues reminders during COVID surge**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (August 12, 2021) – During the current nationwide surge in COVID-19 cases, particularly the Delta variant, the Township reminds residents to stay safe and well and to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

According to the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov), the Delta variant causes more infections and spreads faster than earlier forms of the virus that cause COVID-19. It might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated people.

- Vaccines continue to be highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death, including against this variant.
- Fully vaccinated people with breakthrough infections from this variant appear to be infectious for a shorter period.
- Get vaccinated and wear masks indoors in public spaces to reduce the spread of this variant.

Since Monday, August 9, 2021, [the testing positivity rate in Montgomery County has increased from 21 to 23 percent](#).

The [Harris County COVID-19 Threat Level](#) remains at Level 1 (Severe Threat).

**Latest Updates from CDC**

CDC has [released new data](#) on the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines in pregnant people and is recommending all people 12 years of age and older get vaccinated against COVID-19.

**Vaccination Sites**

The COVID-19 vaccine is widely available locally at hospitals, healthcare provider offices, pharmacies and retailers. To find a vaccine near you, please visit [www.vaccines.gov/search/](https://www.vaccines.gov/search/). Here you can search based on zip code and vaccine preference (Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). Texans can also register online at [GetTheVaccine.dshs.texas.gov](https://www.getthevaccine.dshs.texas.gov). You will be notified by email or text when and where to get the vaccine.



### COVID Testing

The Woodlands Township is a host location for COVID-19 testing provided by Curative, Inc. Testing takes place seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Township offers free testing through Curative at three locations. **Please note, testing is no longer offered at 2801 Technology Forest Blvd.**

- The Recreation Center at Bear Branch, 5310 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- Sterling Ridge Park and Ride, 8001 McBeth Way, The Woodlands, TX 77382 (Through August 2021)
- The Recreation Center at Rob Fleming Park, 6464 Creekside Forest Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77389 (Through August 2021)

### County News

Montgomery County Hospital District has returned to reporting three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The reports are posted on the Township website under [County News Releases/Partner Agency Notifications](#). Harris County items are also posted there as received. In addition, social media feeds from both agencies can be viewed by scrolling down at [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19).

### Precautions to Consider

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the CDC recommends the following:

- Get vaccinated.
- Wear a mask if you are not yet vaccinated. The CDC has revised its guidance for vaccinated individuals, encouraging them to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.
- Stay 6 feet away from others i.e., social distance from those not in your household.
- Avoid crowds and crowded spaces.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands frequently.

### Additional Information

Please visit the Township's COVID-19 information page, [www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19](http://www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19) for resources, information and updates.

