



# NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **Montgomery County Reports 116 New COVID-19 Cases and Eight Deaths** *A Total Number of 2739 Cases and 155 Deaths Have Been Reported*

**Norristown, PA (April 19, 2020)** – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported 116 additional individuals who tested positive and eight individuals who died of COVID-19 bringing the countywide total to 2739 cases and 155 deaths.

“While we continue to report a steady number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19, we are pleased to have already received results for 92% of the 500 individuals tested during the first two days at the re-opened testing site, 13% of which are positive,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “These initial results, compared to our peak positivity rate of 24%, provide evidence that social distancing is having a positive impact on the spread in our region, but we must continue to strictly adhere to these mitigation measures in the days and weeks ahead.”

Arkoosh said that she was also saddened to report the deaths of eight individuals.

Of the eight individuals who died of COVID-19, two had been hospitalized, three resided in long-term care facilities, and their ages ranged from 71-years-old to 89-years-old. All of those individuals were female.

The 116 positive individuals are from 35 municipalities. Sixty-one municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today’s reported cases follows:

Age Range: 19 - 98  
Age Brackets: (1) 10 – 19, (9) 20 – 29, (15) 30 – 39, (9) 40 – 49, (25) 50 – 59,  
(14) 60 – 69, (15) 70 – 79, (14) 80 – 89, (14) 90 – 99  
Gender: 75 females, 41 males  
Hospitalized: (23) No, (80) Unknown, (13) Yes

Montgomery County’s drive-through COVID-19 testing location on the Central Campus of Montgomery County Community College will continue to be open through the week starting Monday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **by appointment only for individuals that meet the required criteria and as testing supplies allow.** No treatment will be given on-site. For more information and to register for an appointment, visit [www.montcopa.org/COVID-19](http://www.montcopa.org/COVID-19) or call 610.631.3000 on Monday, April 20, starting at 8 a.m.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at [www.montcopa.org/covid-19](http://www.montcopa.org/covid-19) to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

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