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Montgomery County Reports 18 New COVID-19 Cases and One Death, Announces COVID-19 Contact Tracing Phone Line

A Total Number of 7,864 Cases and 778 Deaths Have Been Reported

Norristown, PA (June 16, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported 18 additional individuals who tested positive for coronavirus and one individual who died of COVID-19 bringing the countywide total to 7,864 cases and 778 deaths. Two of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases result from antibody testing.

“In an effort to focus on early detection and containment of any new outbreaks, the County has eliminated restrictions for testing so that anyone who needs or wants to be tested can be tested, whether or not they have symptoms. We have also expanded our contact tracing efforts to include a call back number for those who may have missed the call from our Department of Health regarding their results or status,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “As the coronavirus continues to remain in our community, each of us must be personally responsible for our actions and work together to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County.”

The individual who died from COVID-19 was a 78-year-old female, who had been hospitalized.

The 18 positive individuals are from 13 municipalities. Sixty-one municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today’s reported cases follows:

Age Range: 8 months - 91
Gender: 11 females, 7 males
Hospitalized: (0) No, (17) Unknown, (1) Yes

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, June 17, via a press release.

Montgomery County’s **drive-through COVID-19 testing** location on the Central Campus of Montgomery County Community College is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., **by appointment only** for any individual who needs or wants to be tested and as testing supplies allow, weather permitting. No treatment will be given on-site. For more information, to find out if the site is open or closed for the day, and to register for an appointment, visit www.montcopa.org/COVID-19 or call 610.631.3000, starting at 8 a.m.

COVID-19 walk-up testing is available at the Delaware Valley Community Health Center – Norristown Regional Health Center, 1401 Dekalb Street, Norristown. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting, **by appointment only** and as testing supplies allow. Individuals who want to be tested can call 610.592.0680, starting at 8:30 a.m. or until all slots are filled plus a ten-person waitlist on the morning of the intended appointment. Spanish-speaking operators are available.

COVID-19 walk-up testing is also available at the Montgomery County Office of Public Health Center, 364 King Street, Pottstown. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weather permitting, **by appointment only** and as testing supplies allow. Individuals who want to be tested can call 610.970.2937, starting at 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., or until all slots are filled on the morning of the intended appointment. Spanish-speaking operators and sign language interpreters are available.

While the above locations will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, information on additional testing sites, many of which operate over the weekend, can be found at www.montcopa.org/COVID-19 under the County Testing Information button.

Individuals who have been tested or identified as a direct contact of an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 and has received a call from the ‘Results Center’ may return the call to 610.278.5923 to find out their results or status. All information discussed on the call is strictly confidential and is only used to trace COVID-19 cases.

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 to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

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