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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery County Reports 298 New COVID-19 Cases and One Death Over Seven Days
A Total Number of 10,311 Cases and 824 Deaths Were Reported

Norristown, PA (August 18, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths for the seven day period from August 12 to August 18, 2020. Two hundred ninety-eight (August 12: 40, August 13: 48, August 14: 43, August 15: 54, August 16: 41, August 17: 26, August 18: 46) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and one individual died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 10,311 cases and 824 deaths. Seven of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing.

"Montgomery County's 14-day positivity rate has been under 5% since June 18 and continues to trend slowly downward. This is great news but not a reason to let up on masking, social distancing, hand hygiene, testing, and contact tracing," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "Our low positivity rate is a result of so many Montco residents heeding the call to do the right thing to protect our entire community. Keep your good work and your mask up!"

The individual who died of COVID-19 did not reside in a long-term care facility.

The 298 positive individuals are from 46 municipalities. Sixty-one[1] municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

    Age Range: 2 - 91
    Gender: 154 females, 140 males, 4 unknown

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, August 19, at 3 p.m., via a press briefing which will be streamed live on Montgomery County's Facebook page.

There are several no-cost **COVID-19 community testing sites** located throughout Montgomery County for all ages, except infants. No prescription is required. These self-administered tests are by appointment only, do not require a vehicle, are available for individuals who live or work in Montgomery County, and want or need to be tested. **The sites are outdoors and are subject to closure on short notice due to inclement weather. Please check weather forecasts and the COVID-19 Data Hub for weather-related updates.** To register for testing, **visit www.montcopa.org/COVID-19**, and select County Testing Information or **call 610.970.2937** on the date of the intended appointment. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and will remain open until all slots are filled and as long as testing supplies allow. Spanish-speaking operators are available.

Ardmore – 114 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Green Lane – Deep Creek and Snyder Roads, Green Lane, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Lansdale – 421 W. Main St., Lansdale, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m.

Norristown – Delaware Valley Community Health Center at the Norristown Regional Health Center at 1401 Dekalb St., Norristown, PA.. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pottstown – Montgomery County Office of Public Health, 364 King St., Pottstown, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Willow Grove –First Baptist Church - Crestmont, 1678 Fairview Ave., Willow Grove, PA. Testing is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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.

COVID-19 contact tracing efforts are ongoing and are critical to slowing the spread of the disease. The County has partnered with ACLAMO, Family Services of Montgomery County, Montgomery County OIC, and Visiting Nurses Association Community Services to help with contact tracing efforts. 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' or any of our community partners 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.

[1] Upon further investigation, it was discovered by the contact tracing team on August 13 that a case reported in Bryn Athyn Borough on August 8 was not a resident of Montgomery County. The online data hub and attached chart have been updated to reflect this change.

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Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report – August 12, 2020 through August 18, 2020

| Date | Cases | Case Type | | | | Age Distribution | | | | | | | | | Genders | | | Municipalities Affected |
		Community	LTC	Other Congregate*	Unknown	Range**	Average**	0-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80-99	100+	Unknown	Male	Female	Unknown	
Wednesday 8/12	40	32	2	6	0	9-79	39.6	9	13	12	6	0	0	0	21	19	0	18
Thursday 8/13	48	42	0	6	0	8-80	37.0	9	22	10	6	1	0	0	28	20	0	28
Friday 8/14	43	43	0	0	0	12-91	39.0	8	18	8	8	1	0	0	18	24	1	23
Saturday 8/15	54	52	1	1	0	2-83	36.5	7	26	14	6	1	0	0	24	29	1	27
Sunday 8/16	41	40	1	0	0	2-87	35.0	11	12	13	4	1	0	0	17	24	0	21
Monday 8/17	26	24	2	0	0	3-90	37.0	8	8	5	3	2	0	0	11	13	2	16
Tuesday 8/18	46	44	1	1	0	9-84	40.9	7	16	14	8	1	0	0	21	25	0	25
Weekly Total	**298**	**277**	**7**	**14**	**0**	**2-91**	**37.9**	**59**	**115**	**76**	**41**	**7**	**0**	**0**	**140**	**154**	**4**	**46**
Previous Week	272	238	12	22	0	1-91	41.4	30	106	79	47	10	0	0	127	133	12	46
Difference	+26	+39	-5	-8	-	N/A	-3.5	+29	+9	-3	-6	-3	-	-	+13	+21	-8	-
Overall Total	**10311**	**7321**	**2478**	**509**	**3**	**1-110**	**50.7**	**830**	**2921**	**2846**	**2186**	**1500**	**26**	**2**	**4828**	**5443**	**40**	**61**

*Other Congregate includes the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), State Correctional Institution – Phoenix (SCI-Phoenix), Norristown State Hospital, behavioral health facilities, and other congregate living settings that do not meet the definition of Long Term Care (LTC) facilities.

**Ages less than 1 are listed as 1 for the purposes of the age range and average age.

| Date | Deaths | Age Range | Genders | | Location of Death | | | | Race Information | | | | | |
			Male	Female	Hospital	LTC	Residence / Other	Unknown	Asian	Asian Indian	Asian Korean	Black	White	Unknown***
Wednesday 8/12	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday 8/13	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friday 8/14	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saturday 8/15	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday 8/16	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monday 8/17	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday 8/18	1	65	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Weekly Total	**1**	**65**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Previous Week	3	58-86	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Difference	-2	N/A	-1	-1	-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	+1	-3	-
Overall Total	**824**	**36-104**	**384**	**440**	N/A				**18**	**3**	**3**	**101**	**325**	**374**

***Race not provided by Coroner's Office.