



# NEWS

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **Montgomery County Reports 266 New COVID-19 Cases and One Death Over Seven Days *A Total Number of 11,750 Cases and 831 Deaths Were Reported***

Norristown, PA (September 22, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths for the seven days from September 16 to September 22, 2020. Two hundred sixty-six (September 16: 24, September 17: 64, September 18: 53, September 19: 9, September 20: 54, September 21: 35, September 22: 27) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and one individual died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 11,750 cases and 831 deaths. Six of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing.

“We have now seen decreasing case counts for two consecutive weeks following a spike in positive cases around Labor Day weekend,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “While this is good news, our experiences over the past six months have shown us how quickly things can change when we let our guard down. We must continue to wear masks, maintain social distancing, avoid large gatherings, and cooperate with contact tracing to keep our community safe.”

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

The 266 positive individuals are from 48 municipalities. Sixty-two municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today’s reported cases follows:

Age Range: 2 - 92  
Gender: 143 females, 121 males, 2 unknown

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, September 23, 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. 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](http://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.

**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](http://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](http://www.montcopa.org/covid-19) to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

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**Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report – September 16, 2020 through September 22, 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 9/16	24	22	2	0	0	12-83	31.2	4	14	3	2	1	0	0	9	14	1	20
Thursday 9/17	64	64	0	0	0	5-69	34.5	19	18	20	7	0	0	0	29	35	0	33
Friday 9/18	53	52	1	0	0	9-84	41.3	12	14	15	11	1	0	0	23	30	0	27
Saturday 9/19	9	9	0	0	0	16-38	22.0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	0	9
Sunday 9/20	54	52	2	0	0	8-84	32.2	11	28	11	3	1	0	0	26	28	0	31
Monday 9/21	35	34	1	0	0	2-92	40.0	9	10	9	4	3	0	0	17	18	0	21
Tuesday 9/22	27	27	0	0	0	18-82	35.5	6	14	3	3	1	0	0	12	14	1	21
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2-92</b>	<b>35.5</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>48</b>
Previous Week	272	268	2	2	0	3-87	33.3	85	101	55	25	6	0	0	135	136	1	50
Difference	-6	-8	+4	-2	-	N/A	+2.2	-20	+2	+6	+5	+1	-	-	-14	+7	+1	-2
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>11750</b>	<b>8716</b>	<b>2506</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1-110</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>1169</b>	<b>3451</b>	<b>3212</b>	<b>2352</b>	<b>1538</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5528</b>	<b>6181</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>62</b>

\*Other Congregate includes the Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), State Correctional Institution – Phoenix (SCI-Phoenix), Norristown State Hospital, behavioral health facilities, and other congregated 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 9/16	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday 9/17	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friday 9/18	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saturday 9/19	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday 9/20	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monday 9/21	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuesday 9/22	1	75	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
Previous Week	2	56-80	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	
Difference	-1	N/A	-1	-	-	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1	-	-	
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>36-104</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>N/A</b>				<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>376</b>		

\*\*\*Race not provided by Coroner’s Office.