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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery County Reports 518 New COVID-19 Cases and One Death Over Seven Days
A Total Number of 13,442 Cases and 838 Deaths Were Reported

Norristown, PA (October 27, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) today reported COVID-19 test results and deaths from October 21 to October 27, 2020. Five hundred-eighteen (October 21: 39, October 22: 71, October 23: 81, October 24: 84, October 25: 71, October 26: 88, October 27: 84) additional individuals tested positive for coronavirus, and one individual died of COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 13,442 cases and 838 deaths. Eight of the new cases are in long-term care facilities. None of the reported positive COVID-19 cases resulted from antibody testing. More details are included in the attached COVID-19 Weekly Report.

"The predicted COVID-19 fall surge has arrived in Montgomery County. We continue to see an increase in confirmed positive COVID-19 cases across all age groups," said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. "As the weather gets cooler and more events move indoors, we are likely to see increased transmission in our community. We must all continue to take common-sense steps to minimize the spread of this very contagious virus. Please wear a mask when near non-household contacts, avoid social gatherings, get tested if you need or want to, fully cooperate if you receive a call from a contact tracer, and download the COVID Alert PA app onto your phone. Working together, we can suppress the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County."

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

The 518 positive individuals are from 53 municipalities. Sixty-two municipalities have been affected. A breakdown of today's reported cases follows:

    Age Range: 1 - 100
    Gender: 261 females, 255 males, 2 unknown

The next update on COVID-19 cases and mitigation efforts will be on Wednesday, October 28, 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, and select County Testing Information or **call 610.970.2937** on the date of the intended appointment.

Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. on 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 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.

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Montgomery County COVID-19 Weekly Report – October 21, 2020 through October 27, 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 10/21	39	39	0	0	0	11-77	39.3	5	18	9	7	0	0	0	21	18	0	22
Thursday 10/22	71	67	2	2	0	2-83	42.6	10	20	23	16	2	0	0	41	29	1	31
Friday 10/23	81	81	0	0	0	6-82	37.8	14	32	26	8	1	0	0	38	43	0	34
Saturday 10/24	84	82	1	1	0	8-84	41.7	6	32	34	11	1	0	0	34	50	0	31
Sunday 10/25	71	70	1	0	0	2-93	45.7	9	18	24	14	6	0	0	33	37	1	31
Monday 10/26	88	87	1	0	0	1-82	35.7	22	31	20	13	2	0	0	48	40	0	33
Tuesday 10/27	84	81	3	0	0	12-100	41.8	11	33	21	14	4	1	0	40	44	0	30
Weekly Total	518	507	8	3	0	1-100	40.6	77	184	157	83	16	1	0	255	261	2	53
Previous Week	339	332	5	2	0	1-91	39.4	56	122	109	41	11	0	0	168	167	4	50
Difference	+179	+175	+3	+1	-	N/A	+1.2	+21	+62	+48	+42	+5	+1	-	+87	+94	-2	+3
Overall Total	13442	10366	2528	545	3	1-110	47.7	1464	4094	3679	2585	1590	28	2	6376	7018	48	62

*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 10/21	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thursday 10/22	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Friday 10/23	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saturday 10/24	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sunday 10/25	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monday 10/26	1	51	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuesday 10/27	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weekly Total	1	51	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Previous Week	1	86	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Difference	-	N/A	-	-	-1	-	+1	-	-	-	-	-1	+1	-
Overall Total	838	36-104	393	445	N/A				18	3	3	104	335	375

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