



NEWS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

VALERIE A. ARKOOSH, MD, MPH, CHAIR
KENNETH E. LAWRENCE, JR., VICE CHAIR
JOSEPH C. GALE, COMMISSIONER

Contact: Teresa Harris | Public Affairs Manager | 610-278-3062 | tharris@montcopa.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Fifth Coronavirus Death Reported in Montgomery County *33 New Cases Reported, Total Cases is 404*

Norristown, PA (March 28, 2020) – Montgomery County officials today reported the fifth death from COVID-19. The 61-year-old female, who resided in the Municipality of Norristown, died on March 27, 2020.

“We are saddened to confirm that a fifth Montgomery County resident has lost their life to COVID-19. On behalf of our entire community, we extend our most heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of this individual,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “While most people with COVID-19 exhibit mild or moderate symptoms, this loss of life underscores the urgent need for everyone to stay at home, unless absolutely necessary, to protect individuals who are particularly vulnerable to developing more serious illness, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions, as well as our critical workforces like healthcare workers and first responders.”

Additionally, Montgomery County officials and the Office of Public Health (OPH) reported 33 additional individuals who tested positive with COVID-19, bringing the countywide total to 404 cases.

These positive individuals are from 20 municipalities, including Franconia Township, which is reporting its first case. Forty-eight municipalities have been affected. Here is a breakdown of today’s reported cases:

Age Range: 3 - 86

Age Brackets: (1) 0 – 9, (0) 10 – 19, (6) 20 – 29, (4) 30 – 39, (6) 40 – 49, (3) 50 – 59,
(6) 60 – 69, (5) 70 – 79, (2) 80 - 89

Gender: 14 females, 18 males

Hospitalized: (10) No, (18) Unknown, (5) Yes

The County map found at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 provides updated geographic and demographic information.

Montgomery County's drive-through COVID-19 testing location at Temple University's Ambler Campus in Upper Dublin Township will be closed on Sunday, March 29. It will re-open on Monday, March 30, **by appointment only for individuals that meet the required criteria and as testing supplies allow**. No treatment will be conducted on-site. For more information and to register for an appointment, visit www.montcopa.org/COVID-19 or call 610.631.3000 on Monday, March 30, starting at 8 a.m.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. To get the latest information and updates regarding COVID-19, please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19.

###