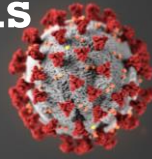


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Region 8 Responds

The Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMOCC) is open 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Please send inquiries, questions, subscription requests or reports to Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov or call 210-949-2121. **Please Note: The Region 8 Daily Update is intended for emergency managers, elected officials, infection preventionists and public health stakeholders. We encourage you to share with appropriate entities, but we do not consent to posting the Daily Update on social media platforms. Anyone who would like to receive the Daily Update can request to be added to the distribution list by emailing Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov**

Implementing Mitigation Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an early release of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) to address the topic of mitigation in early care and education settings to prevent COVID-19 transmission. The benefits of in-person child care programs are myriad; however, SARS-CoV-2 transmission has been documented in child care facilities. Head Start and Early Head Start programs successfully implemented CDC-recommended guidance and other ancillary measures for child care programs that remained open, allowing them to continue offering in-person learning. These approaches were documented to guide implementation of mitigation strategies in child care settings. Implementing and monitoring adherence to recommended mitigation strategies can reduce risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission in child care settings. These approaches could be applied to other early care and education settings that remain open for in-person learning and potentially reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019. Understanding child care programs' capabilities for implementing COVID-19 mitigation strategies provides practical information that public health officials, child care setting administrators and evaluators can use to implement and adjust strategies to reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Child care settings should implement concurrent preventive measures and adjust these strategies based on community transmission data. For more, see <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm6949e3-H.pdf>

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

To enroll as a COVID-19 vaccine provider go to the registration portal at [EnrollTexas@dshs.texas.gov](https://enroll.texas.dshs.texas.gov). For questions or more information on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program, visit the [DSHS COVID-19 website](https://dshs.texas.gov/covid-19) or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov. To see regional enrollment <https://txdshs.quickbase.com/db/bqx23e68f>

WEBINAR: Finding Effective Technology-Based Tools for the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles During COVID-19

On Thursday, December 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CT, the University of Texas School of Public Health and the Michal & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living will host a webinar on healthy lifestyles during COVID-19. Many clinics, schools and community health partners are having to reinvent how to deliver programs and services to help people live healthier lives during COVID-19. This webinar will give an overview of what to look for when choosing an online program so that decision makers can navigate the large market of remote programs and apps available. Insight on what makes implementation successful, how to overcome challenges, and best practices for measuring engagement will also be presented.

Presented by Melanie Hingle, PhD, MPH, RDN, Associate Professor, Department of Nutritional Sciences College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, the University of Arizona; and Michael Lopez, MUP, Extension Program Specialist II, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

COVID-19 Testing Sites

Registration for mobile testing sites is now available at <https://Texas.curativeinc.com/welcome>. For walk-up sites, you can register on site. For more information on additional test sites state-wide, visit <https://txcovidtest.org>. For more information on San Antonio testing sites, click [here](#). Hospitals and doctors' offices may also provide testing.



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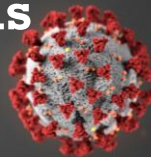
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,258,214				14,823,129			66,729,375	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	2576	112503	19405	6950	125295	2243	134484	+1778
Counties								
Atascosa	299	1522	350	149	2004	18	2171	+33
Bandera	49	262	61	33	336	3	372	+4
Bexar~	0	73091	15105	3472	83327	1397	88196	+1210
Calhoun	44	987	34	31	1026	8	1065	+5
Comal	0	3514	1542	612	4315	133	5056	+76
DeWitt	0	1230	0	97	1076	57	1230	-
Dimmit	31	343	22	17	375	4	396	+8
Edwards	16	108	8	5	127	0	132	-
Frio	138	864	106	77	1026	5	1108	+3
Gillespie	188	681	120	107	879	3	989	+13
Goliad	1	183	54	1	233	4	238	-
Gonzales	125	1222	42	65	1314	10	1389	+10
Guadalupe	506	4381	549	267	5123	46	5436	+49
Jackson	99	774	35	53	847	8	908	+17
Karnes	56	498	30	26	549	9	584	+12
Kendall	237	529	272	87	945	6	1038	+10
Kerr	267	951	215	168	1253	12	1433	+18
Kinney	7	53	1	4	57	0	61	+1
LaSalle	0	217	11	62	162	4	228	-
Lavaca	124	1342	94	49	1498	13	1560	+6
Maverick	0	5220	0	564	4506	150	5220	+95
Medina	97	1243	531	133	1703	35	1871	+27
Real	9	137	3	7	140	2	149	-
Uvalde	0	1262	40	87	1172	43	1302	+15
Val Verde	0	3535	0	387	3005	143	3535	+106
Victoria	0	5247	9	228	4927	101	5256	+30
Wilson	175	1192	139	106	1379	21	1506	+22
Zavala	63	651	32	42	696	8	746	+5
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	813	0	8	805	0	813	+3
ICE‡	43	324	0	6	361	0	367	-
Other§	2	127	0	0	129	0	129	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (78); Frio: Briscoe Unit (32); Medina: Ney Unit (169), Torres Unit (203); Karnes: Connally Unit (331); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (203)								
‡Frio County (256), Karnes County (153), LaSalle County (17)								
§Atascosa County Jail (14), Dimmit County Jail (25), Guadalupe County Jail (7), Jackson County Jail (1), Karnes County Jail (2), Karnes County Det. Facility (42), Kinney County Det. Facility (37), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							25525	+261
Community Cases							24216	+258
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1309	+3
Local Health Entities*							108959	+1517
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties							TOTAL	134484
								+1778

~Bexar County Active & Recovered Counts estimated by percentages reported on [SAMHD COVID Table Data](#)



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