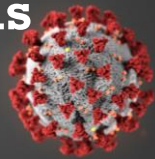


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## Region 8 Responds

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](mailto: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](mailto:Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov)**

## Summary of Guidance for Public Health Strategies to Address High Levels of Community Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 and Related Deaths

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) summarizes guidance to address high levels of community transmission of COVID-19, which the United States is currently experiencing. COVID-19 pandemic control requires a multipronged application of evidence-based strategies while improving health equity: universal face mask use, physical distancing, avoiding nonessential indoor spaces, increasing testing, prompt quarantine of exposed persons, safeguarding those at increased risk for severe illness or death, protecting essential workers, postponing travel, enhancing ventilation and hand hygiene, and achieving wide spread COVID-19 vaccination coverage. These combined strategies will protect health care, essential businesses, and schools, bridging to a future with high community coverage of effective vaccines and safe return to more activities in a range of settings. For details, see <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm6949e2-H.pdf>



## Region 8 Appreciates!

Based on feedback received from our daily Coronavirus Update [survey](#), we will highlight contributions from specific individuals or groups each week. If you would like to submit a person or group for recognition, please email [Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov).

Infection preventionists (IPs) play a critical role in the COVID-19 response. Their job is to make sure healthcare workers and patients are doing all the things they should to prevent COVID-19 from spreading within healthcare facilities. Most IPs are nurses, epidemiologists, microbiologists, doctors or other health professionals and work in hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare settings. They serve as their facility's subject matter experts in infection prevention and control; look for patterns of infection within the facility; observe and audit practices; educate and train healthcare teams; develop policies and procedures; and coordinate with local public health agencies. To all the Region 8 IPs—thank you! We appreciate all you are doing to help control the spread of COVID-19.

## Webinar: Keeping People Safe in Congregate Living Facilities During COVID-19

On Friday, December 11 from 12 noon to 1 p.m., the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) present the webinar: [Keeping people safe in congregate living facilities during COVID-19](#). Evidence suggests that disproportionate COVID-19 death rates for minority populations in the U.S. may be driven in part by infections occurring within congregate living facilities such as homeless and correctional institutions. Click on the link above to register for the webinar.

## 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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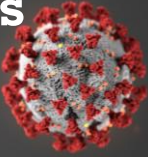
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## COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,296,132				15,040,175			68,165,877	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	3187	114460	20092	7485	128003	2256	137739	+1061
<b>Counties</b>								
Atascosa	368	1549	352	195	2056	18	2269	+26
Bandera	69	269	62	42	355	3	400	+2
Bexar~	0	74544	15676	3553	85261	1406	90220	+730
Calhoun	70	994	34	54	1036	8	1098	+10
Comal	0	3585	1616	667	4404	135	5201	+71
DeWitt	0	1230	0	97	1076	57	1230	-
Dimmit	51	353	22	42	380	4	426	+9
Edwards	21	113	9	12	131	0	143	-
Frio	166	875	108	97	1047	5	1149	+16
Gillespie	213	691	125	113	913	3	1029	+12
Goliad	0	192	56	2	241	5	248	-
Gonzales	144	1226	43	74	1329	10	1413	-
Guadalupe	705	4415	557	404	5227	46	5677	+15
Jackson	106	785	35	52	866	8	926	+1
Karnes	69	502	30	38	554	9	601	-
Kendall	279	541	275	104	985	6	1095	+9
Kerr	321	965	218	152	1340	12	1504	+26
Kinney	6	57	1	5	59	0	64	-
LaSalle	0	220	16	70	162	4	236	-
Lavaca	132	1340	96	43	1512	13	1568	+1
Maverick	0	5314	0	638	4526	150	5314	+53
Medina	107	1265	537	139	1735	35	1909	+25
Real	12	137	3	7	143	2	152	-
Uvalde	0	1274	40	70	1201	43	1314	+12
Val Verde	0	3568	0	361	3064	143	3568	-
Victoria	0	5309	9	243	4973	102	5318	+33
Wilson	237	1210	140	157	1409	21	1587	+6
Zavala	66	666	32	36	720	8	764	-
<b>Correctional/ICE Facilities</b>								
TDCJ†	0	820	0	11	809	0	820	+4
ICE‡	43	324	0	7	360	0	367	-
Other§	2	127	0	0	129	0	129	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (78); Frio: Briscoe Unit (32); Medina: Ney Unit (171), Torres Unit (208); Karnes: Connally Unit (331); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (204)								
‡Frio County (257), Karnes County (152), LaSalle County (18)								
§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)								
<b>Region 8 Case Summary</b>							<b>Total</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>RHMOC</b>							<b>26404</b>	<b>+174</b>
Community Cases							25088	+170
Inmate+/Detainee‡ Cases							1316	+4
<b>Local Health Entities*</b>							<b>111335</b>	<b>+887</b>
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>137739</b>	<b>+1061</b>

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



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