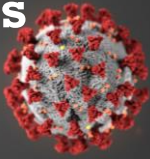


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Region 8 Responds

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**

Everyone Can Make Winter Holiday Celebrations Safer

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued the following recommendations for celebrating the upcoming holidays. Celebrating virtually or with the people you live with is the safest choice this winter. If you do gather with people who don't live with you, gatherings and activities held outdoors are safer than indoor gatherings.

- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands.
- Get a flu shot as soon as possible.

If you plan to host a winter holiday celebration and will have guests at your home, here's how to make your celebration safer:

- Limit the number of guests.
- Have a small, [outdoor celebration](#) with family and friends who live in your community, weather permitting.
- Have extra unused masks available for your guests and encourage everyone to wear them inside and outside.
- [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces and items between use.
- Use single-use options, like salad dressing and condiment packets, and disposable items like food containers, plates and utensils.
- Use a touchless garbage can, if available.
- Cancel your gathering if you or someone who lives with you is sick or has been near someone who thinks they have COVID-19.

Moderna Vaccine Receives FDA EUA

On Friday, December 18, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/moderna-covid-19-vaccine>. FDA has also issued a fact sheet for healthcare providers administering vaccine <https://www.fda.gov/media/144637/download> and a fact sheet for vaccine recipients and caregivers. <https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download> In addition, on Sunday, December 20, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) released the recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Use of all COVID-19 vaccines authorized under an EUA, including the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, should be implemented in conjunction with ACIP's interim recommendations for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccines. The Moderna vaccine is for use in persons aged 18 years or older. Vaccination with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine consists of two doses administered intramuscularly, 1 month (4 weeks apart). ACIP's recommendations will be updated as additional information becomes available. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm695152e1-H.pdf>

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

To enroll as a COVID-19 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](#) or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov. To see regional enrollment <https://txdshs.quickbase.com/db/bqx23e68f>

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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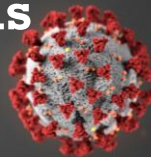
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,591,948				17,592,760			75,704,857	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	4798	127213	23143	13871	138969	2323	155154	+1141
Counties								
Atascosa	567	1712	363	272	2352	18	2642	+19
Bandera	113	301	66	62	415	3	480	+9
Bexar~	0	84068	18096	9064	91645	1455	102164	+538
Calhoun	101	1015	40	54	1094	8	1156	+2
Comal	0	3787	1964	773	4846	141	5751	+76
DeWitt	0	1311	0	136	1118	57	1311	+18
Dimmit	101	409	23	77	452	4	533	-
Edwards	29	137	11	15	162	0	177	-
Frio	278	911	110	117	1177	5	1299	+18
Gillespie	287	814	142	92	1148	3	1243	+11
Goliad	0	197	61	6	247	5	258	-
Gonzales	211	1276	44	90	1431	10	1531	+12
Guadalupe	982	4808	574	395	5922	47	6364	+28
Jackson	154	814	38	65	933	8	1006	+4
Karnes	145	538	33	76	631	9	716	+2
Kendall	372	606	302	143	1131	6	1280	+13
Kerr	698	1065	239	348	1642	12	2002	+17
Kinney	7	61	1	1	68	0	69	-
LaSalle	2	233	67	108	189	5	302	-
Lavaca	145	1377	109	36	1582	13	1631	+3
Maverick	0	5793	0	753	4884	156	5793	+68
Medina	56	1461	621	128	1975	35	2138	+48
Real	22	148	5	15	158	2	175	-
Uvalde	0	1513	48	136	1382	43	1561	+108
Val Verde	0	3884	0	368	3371	145	3884	+93
Victoria	0	5563	9	266	5202	104	5572	+26
Wilson	395	1335	145	220	1634	21	1875	+13
Zavala	85	705	32	37	777	8	822	+5
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	881	0	9	872	0	881	+10
ICE‡	43	343	0	6	380	0	386	-
Other§	5	147	0	3	149	0	152	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (79); Frio: Briscoe Unit (81); Medina: Ney Unit (167), Torres Unit (218); Karnes: Connally Unit (336); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (198)								
‡Frio County (274), Karnes County (154), LaSalle County (51)								
§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 (60), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							30119	+322
Community Cases							28700	+312
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1419	+10
Local Health Entities*							125035	+819
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							155154	+1141

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



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