DSHS Region 8

Coronavirus Update 11/2/2020

Region 8 Responds

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The Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMOC) 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-

DSHS Adopts CDC/CSTE COVID-19 Case Definitions

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) adopted the updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) COVID-19 case definitions on Sunday, November 1, 2020. The new case definitions are described in a CSTE position statement that can be found on the CDC website:

https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/conditions/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/case-definition/2020/08/05/

The statewide contact tracing system, Texas Health Trace, and the Region 8 RHMOC are using these case definitions as of November 1. Cases will be categorized using the new case definitions moving forward, but cases already investigated will not be recategorized. Previous case counts that have been reported by the Region 8 RHMOC will not change as a result of the new case definitions.

Some of the case definition updates include:

- A case may meet probable criteria if they have a positive antigen test from a respiratory specimen, even if they are asymptomatic or they do not have an exposure in the past 14 days
- The symptoms associated with likely COVID-19 infection have been updated based on data received from previous investigations.

November Is American Diabetes Month

November is American Diabetes Month. Did you know that nearly 15% of all adults in Texas have diabetes? That's 2.84 million people who have this serious, underlying health condition.

Diabetes is a chronic health condition in which the body either does not make enough insulin or cannot use insulin, causing high blood sugar levels. Over time, elevated blood sugar levels can cause serious health problems such as heart disease, vision loss and kidney disease. Learn more at CDC's website.

- In Type 1 diabetes the body does not produce insulin.
- Type 2 diabetes is when the body doesn't use insulin well and can't keep blood sugar at normal levels. This is the more common type of diabetes.

You may be able to prevent or delay your risk for type 2 diabetes by making healthy lifestyle choices, such as eating healthfully, being physically active, quitting smoking and monitoring your blood pressure. Assess your risk with The American Diabetes Association Risk Test.

COVID-19 Testing Sites

Registration for mobile testing sites is now available at https://Texas.curativeinc.com/welcome. For walk-up sites, registration can be completed on site. For more information on additional test sites statewide, visit https://txcovidtest.org. For more information on San Antonio testing sites, click here. Hospitals and doctors' offices may also provide testing.

	Date/Time	County	Location
	11/03 8 to 4	Kerr	Kerr County Youth Center 3785 TX-27, Kerrville (walk-up)
	11/05 8 to 4	La Salle	La Salle County Fire Station #1 951 Dobie Road, Cotulla (drive-through)
	11/07	Val Verde	Del Rio Civic Center 1915 Veterans Boulevard, Del Rio (walk-up)

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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

	Texas			USA			World		
		904,855				46,403,652			
		Case Type	pe S		Status	Status		Summary	
REGION 8	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New	
	552	85709	14807	2628	78800	2042	101068	+316	
Counties									
Atascosa	32	1245	220	4	1476	17	1497	-	
Bandera	6	184	22	1	208	3	212	+2	
Bexar	0	53718	12346	1428	45778	1260	66064	+191	
Calhoun	62	873	14	8	933	8	949	-	
Comal	0	2884	912	131	3545	120	3796	+20	
DeWitt	0	1036	0	30	952	54	1036	-	
Dimmit	13	266	5	8	273	3	284	-	
Edwards	4	68	0	4	68	0	72	-	
Frio	14	778	38	5	820	5	830	+1	
Gillespie	17	350	24	6	383	2	391	-	
Goliad	0	165	49	4	206	4	214	-	
Gonzales	37	1096	36	21	1138	10	1169	+1	
Guadalupe	90	3813	382	15	4225	45	4285	-	
Jackson	34	628	3	21	637	7	665	+7	
Karnes	15	499	25	6	524	9	539	-	
Kendall	14	378	131	3	514	6	523	-	
Kerr	42	672	78	25	755	12	792	+5	
Kinney	3	64	1	1	67	0	68	-	
LaSalle	0	150	3	16	133	4	153	+1	
Lavaca	90	1088	34	62	1137	13	1212	-	
Maverick	0	4322	0	436	3748	138	4322	+30	
Medina	8	923	345	26	1220	30	1276	+10	
Real	4	122	0	3	121	2	126	+1	
Uvalde	0	853	35	15	833	40	888	+12	
Val Verde	0	2637	0	246	2263	128	2637	+12	
Victoria	0	4324	9	85	4153	95	4333	+22	
Wilson	22	985	84	4	1067	20	1091	-	
Zavala	33	437	11	12	462	7	481	-	
Correctiona									
TDCJ†	0	790	0	2	788	0	790	-	
ICE#	7	314	0	0	321	0	321	+1	
Other§	5	47	0	0	52	0	52	-	

†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (67); Frio: Briscoe Unit (23); Medina: Ney Unit (173), Torres Unit (197); Karnes: Connally Unit (330); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (219)

‡Frio County (207), Karnes County (114), LaSalle County (13)

§Atascosa County Jail (14), Dimmit County Jail (15), Guadalupe County Jail (7), Jackson County Jail (1), Karnes County Jail (2), Kinney County Det. Facility (12), Uyalde County Jail (1)

Region 8 Case Summary	Total	New
RHMOC	18513	+40
Community Cases	17350	+39
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases	1163	+1
Local Health Entities* *Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties	82555	+276
TOTAL	101068	+316

Recovery Counts: Region 8 is no longer conducting active case monitoring and will report estimated recovery counts using a time-based strategy to determine the date that a case is no longer likely to be infectious.

