# **DSHS** Region 8

# Coronavirus Update 11/4/2020

## **Region 8 Responds**

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-19@dshs.texas.gov

**RHMOC Question of the Week**: I have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Why do my household contacts have to stay home longer than I do?

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you can spread the virus to others until all three of the following are met:

- 10 days since your symptoms first appeared AND
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine AND
- Other symptoms of COVID are improving.

  Most people do not require testing to decide when they can be around others. If your healthcare provider recommends testing, they will let you know when you can resume being around others based on your test results. The above recommendations DO NOT apply to people with severe COVID-19 or those with severely weakened immune systems. These people might need to stay home longer than 10 days and up to 20 days after symptoms first appeared.

If you have COVID-19, someone who was exposed to you must quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with you. People that live with you could be exposed to you on an ongoing basis. The first day of quarantine for your household contacts starts after you are no longer able to spread the virus. This is because the virus can be incubating (developing) for up to 14 days after exposure. Even after you are well, your contacts could still be infected and not show symptoms.

Based on our daily Coronavirus Update <u>survey</u>, we will highlight a question each week! If you would like to submit a question, please email <u>Region8COVID-19@dshs.Texas.gov</u>.

### **Computational Propaganda and COVID-19**

The University of Texas Health Science Center (<u>UTHealth</u>) will present a webinar on <u>Computational propaganda and COVID-19</u> on November 17, 2020 from 12 to 1 p.m. This webinar will explore the role of social media in perpetuating misinformation about COVID-19. It will explore how different digital tools (bots, sock puppets, etc.) and new manipulation tactics (nanoinfluence, Instagram influence 'pods') are used to spread manipulative, often false, information about the disease and the pandemic.

#### **Health Misinformation on Social Media**

Health misinformation on social media - This special supplement issue of the American Journal of Public Health, a publication of the American Public Health Association, features research and perspectives on the dangers—and opportunities—posed by a shift in how modern populations consume health information via social media. Just as the spread of misinformation by malicious and unwitting parties poses a threat to public health and the credibility of institutional knowledge, so too do these platforms offer new approaches to counteract rumors and intentional deception in real time and with targeted strategies.

#### **COVID-19 Testing Sites**

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

Date/Time	County	Location
11/05 8 to 4	La Salle	La Salle County Fire Station #1 951 Dobie Road, Cotulla (drive-through)
11/07	Val Verde	CANCELLED

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#### **COVID-19 Cases at a Glance**

Texas			USA		World			
	926,400			9,357,245		47,362,304		
		Case Type		Status		Sumi		mary
REGION 8	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	396	86523	14975	2712	79073	2046	101894	+474
Counties								
Atascosa	38	1253	222	14	1482	17	1513	+9
Bandera	5	190	22	4	210	3	217	+2
Bexar	0	54050	12479	1428	45778	1260	66529	+298
Calhoun	9	927	14	8	934	8	950	+1
Comal	0	2906	938	131	3592	121	3844	+19
DeWitt	0	1043	0	32	957	54	1043	+7
Dimmit	20	271	5	16	277	3	296	+7
Edwards	4	72	0	6	70	0	76	+4
Frio	12	783	38	8	820	5	833	+3
Gillespie	22	356	24	15	385	2	402	+9
Goliad	0	165	49	5	205	4	214	-
Gonzales	16	1121	36	20	1143	10	1173	+1
Guadalupe	72	3840	385	17	4235	45	4297	+5
Jackson	25	643	3	23	641	7	671	+3
Karnes	11	505	25	5	527	9	541	+1
Kendall	20	382	132	10	518	6	534	+8
Kerr	40	697	78	36	767	12	815	+23
Kinney	2	65	1	1	67	0	68	-
LaSalle	0	152	3	17	134	4	155	+2
Lavaca	41	1151	35	59	1155	13	1227	+9
Maverick	0	4365	0	422	3803	140	4365	+2
Medina	9	927	347	23	1230	30	1283	+3
Real	5	122	0	4	121	2	127	+1
Uvalde	0	860	35	17	838	40	895	+5
Val Verde	0	2701	0	258	2314	129	2701	+11
Victoria	0	4375	9	110	4179	95	4384	+35
Wilson	14	996	84	4	1070	20	1094	+1
Zavala	22	456	11	18	464	7	489	+4
Correctiona	I/ICE Facilit	ies						
TDCJ†	0	785	0	1	784	0	785	+1
ICE‡	4	317	0	0	321	0	321	-
Other§	5	47	0	0	52	0	52	-

†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (67); Frio: Briscoe Unit (23); Medina: Ney Unit (170), Torres Unit (195); 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), Uvalde County Jail (1)

Region 8 Case Summary	Total	New
RHMOC	18659	+100
Community Cases	17501	+99
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases	1158	+1
Local Health Entities* *Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties	83235	+374
TOTAL	101894	+474

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.

