DSHS Region 8

Coronavirus Update 11/17/2020

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

NACCHO's Vaccine Administration Planning: Drivethru Clinics and Other Innovative Ideas

If you were unable to participate In the National Association of City and County Health Official's (NACCHO's) *Vaccine Administration Planning* webinar, the <u>call recording</u>, and <u>presentation slides</u> are available for viewing.

Here are some additional materials to support the presentation content:

- Boulder County's Full IAP and Employee Registration Form
- COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations
- COVID-19 Jurisdiction Summaries
- Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) Mass Vaccination Resources: IAC's website features a searchable list of resources for a variety of venues, including curbside, drive-through, and walk-through clinics; mobile medical vans; pharmacies; and schools. The database contains guidance documents, toolkits, publications, and other helpful resources that can be adapted to your community or individual healthcare setting. Additionally, on October 15, IAC hosted Mass Vaccination Clinics: Challenges and Best Practices webinar in which presenters described their successes and challenges in conducting mass vaccination clinics.
- CDC's <u>Guidance for Planning Vaccination Clinics Held at</u> <u>Satellite, Temporary, or Off-Site Locations</u>

If you have additional questions or feedback about the webinar, you may contact NACCHO at preparedness@nacho.org.

Control and Prevention of Anthrax, Texas USA 2019

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued an early release of the article *Control and Prevention of Anthrax, Texas, USA 2019*. The article will be published in the December 2020 *Emerging Infectious Diseases* journal. Region 8 Zoonosis Control staff are acknowledged for their contributions to the article.

The zoonotic (transmissible from animals to humans) disease anthrax is endemic to most continents. It is a disease of herbivores that incidentally infects humans through contact with animals that are ill or have died from anthrax or through contact with Bacillus anthraciscontaminated byproducts. In the United States, human risk is primarily associated with handling carcasses of hoofstock that have died of anthrax; the primary risk for herbivores is ingestion of *B. anthracis* spores, which can persist in suitable alkaline soils in a corridor from Texas through Montana. The last known naturally occurring human case of cutaneous anthrax associated with livestock exposure in the United States was reported from South Dakota in 2002. Texas experienced an increase of animal cases in 2019 and consequently higher than usual human risk. The article describes the animal outbreak that occurred in southwest Texas beginning in June 2019 and an associated human case. Primary prevention in humans is achieved through control of animal anthrax. The outbreak described in the article was confirmed in June 2019, but its actual start date is unknown. As soon as anthrax is recognized in an animal population, public health and animal health agencies must collaborate to heighten awareness in the medical community, and with ranchers and other inhabitants. For the full article, see https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/12/20-0470 article

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.



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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

		Texas		USA		World		
		1,027,889		11,136,253		54,771,888		
	Case Type			Status			Summary	
REGION 8	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	943	93309	14553	3867	81106	2103	108805	+600
Counties								
Atascosa	99	1315	289	93	1593	17	1703	+23
Bandera	16	204	42	24	235	3	262	+8
Bexar	0	58930	11306	1428	45778	1301	70236	+194
Calhoun	11	947	18	12	956	8	976	+3
Comal	0	3027	1171	323	3751	124	4198	+67
DeWitt	0	1096	0	72	969	55	1096	-
Dimmit	19	302	15	12	320	4	336	+1
Edwards	3	77	5	3	82	0	85	-
Frio	46	797	50	36	852	5	893	+13
Gillespie	73	397	69	84	453	2	539	+9
Goliad	0	172	53	2	219	4	225	-
Gonzales	45	1144	37	36	1180	10	1226	+14
Guadalupe	146	3969	481	95	4456	45	4596	+19
Jackson	53	679	9	57	677	7	741	+8
Karnes	25	471	26	19	494	9	522	+6
Kendall	98	435	211	109	629	6	744	+27
Kerr	108	743	137	121	855	12	988	+37
Kinney	5	66	1	3	69	0	72	-
LaSalle	0	162	7	10	155	4	169	+3
Lavaca	84	1229	58	95	1263	13	1371	+17
Maverick	0	4662	0	462	4057	143	4662	+53
Medina	24	984	397	37	1334	34	1405	+3
Real	4	124	2	0	128	2	130	-
Uvalde	0	1008	35	100	903	40	1043	+7
Val Verde	0	2932	0	325	2477	130	2932	-
Victoria	0	4698	9	251	4359	97	4707	+71
Wilson	36	1032	105	22	1131	20	1173	+9
Zavala	45	501	20	34	524	8	566	+8
Correctiona	I/ICE Facilit	ies						
TDCJ†	0	792	0	2	790	0	792	-
ICE‡	3	320	0	0	323	0	323	-
Other§	0	94	0	0	94	0	94	-

†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (71); Frio: Briscoe Unit (32); Medina: Ney Unit (164), Torres Unit (194); Karnes: Connally Unit (331); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (205)

‡Frio County (209), Karnes County (156), LaSalle County (13)

§Atascosa County Jail (14), Dimmit County Jail (15), Guadalupe County Jail (7), Jackson County Jail (1), Karnes County Jail (2), Karnes County Det. Facility (42), Kinney County Det. Facility (12), Uvalde County Jail (1)

Region 8 Case Summary	Total	New
RHMOC	20580	+212
Community Cases	19371	+212
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases	1209	-
Local Health Entities*	88225	+388
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties	00225	. 500
TOTAL	108805	+600

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.

