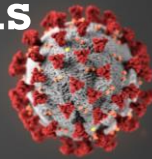


DSHS Region 8

Coronavirus Update 11/18/2020



Region 8 Responds

The Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMO) 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**

RHMO Question of the Week: *I would like to visit my family during the holidays, is it safe to attend a small in-person holiday gathering?*

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 epidemic is worsening, and small household gatherings are an important contributor to the rise in COVID-19 cases. The CDC recommends that the following people not attend in-person holiday gatherings.

Do not host or participate in any in-person gatherings if you or anyone in your household

- Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
- Has symptoms of COVID-19
- Is waiting for COVID-19 viral test results
- May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19

Do not host or attend gatherings with anyone who has COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days. If you are an older adult or person with certain medical conditions who is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, or live or work with someone at increased risk of severe illness, you should avoid in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household.. For a full list of considerations, visit the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

Based on our daily Coronavirus Update [survey](#), we will highlight a question each week! If you would like to submit a question, please email Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov.

Holiday Travel Recommendations

Before you travel, be aware of travel restrictions and advisories.

- a. Department of State's advisories can be found at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>

Take safety measures to protect yourself while traveling.

- a. Wear a mask or facial covering over your nose and mouth in public or when in close contact with individuals.
- b. Maintain social distance of 6 feet.
- c. Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

Avoid contact with individuals who have signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or other illnesses.

- a. Symptoms include cough, fever/chills, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, muscle aches, sore throat, abdominal pain/discomfort.

Communicate with the individuals you visit.

- a. If one of the family members you visited tested positive for COVID-19, quarantine for 14 days after the end of your contact with the individual.
- b. If one or more of the individuals you visited are symptomatic for COVID-19, self-quarantine until COVID-19 has been ruled out.

If you feel ill after visiting individuals, notify your employer and get tested for COVID-19.

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 state-wide, 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
11/23	Gillespie	Pioneer Pavilion 432 Lady Bird Drive, Fredericksburg 8 to 4 walk-up
11/25	Kerr	Hill Country Youth Center 3785 TX-27, Kerrville 8 to 4 walk-up



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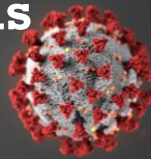
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,048,383				11,300,635			55,326,907	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	1245	93515	14815	4123	81330	2107	109575	+723
Counties								
Atascosa	130	1317	292	119	1603	17	1739	+30
Bandera	25	204	43	28	241	3	272	+7
Bexar	0	59017	11511	1428	45778	1304	70528	+292
Calhoun	22	947	18	20	959	8	987	+11
Comal	0	3056	1184	346	3773	124	4240	+42
DeWitt	0	1096	0	72	969	55	1096	-
Dimmit	21	292	16	14	311	4	329	-
Edwards	6	77	5	4	84	0	88	+2
Frio	50	799	51	44	851	5	900	+6
Gillespie	84	399	74	89	466	2	557	+16
Goliad	0	172	53	2	219	4	225	-
Gonzales	58	1148	38	49	1185	10	1244	+17
Guadalupe	211	3972	484	148	4474	45	4667	+63
Jackson	84	684	11	88	684	7	779	+34
Karnes	32	472	26	22	499	9	530	+7
Kendall	119	437	224	119	655	6	780	+35
Kerr	122	746	146	130	872	12	1014	+24
Kinney	5	45	1	5	46	0	51	-
LaSalle	0	164	7	12	155	4	171	+2
Lavaca	117	1232	59	119	1276	13	1408	+33
Maverick	0	4662	0	462	4057	143	4662	-
Medina	22	991	399	37	1340	35	1412	+7
Real	5	124	2	1	128	2	131	+1
Uvalde	0	1014	35	78	931	40	1049	+6
Val Verde	0	2932	0	325	2477	130	2932	-
Victoria	0	4733	9	259	4386	97	4742	+35
Wilson	71	1032	106	54	1135	20	1209	+32
Zavala	49	508	21	38	532	8	578	+11
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	791	0	1	790	0	791	-
ICE‡	12	324	0	10	326	0	336	+10
Other§	0	128	0	0	128	0	128	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (72); Frio: Briscoe Unit (32); Medina: Ney Unit (162), Torres Unit (195); Karnes: Connally Unit (330); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (205)								
‡Frio County (222), Karnes County (156), LaSalle County (15)								
§Atascosa County Jail (14), Dimmit County Jail (26), Guadalupe County Jail (7), Jackson County Jail (1), Karnes County Jail (2), Karnes County Det. Facility (42), Kinney County Det. Facility (35), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							20979	+352
						Community Cases	19724	+342
						Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases	1255	+10
Local Health Entities*							88596	+371
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties							TOTAL	109575
								+723

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.



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