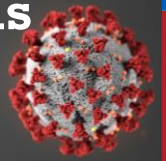


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## Region 8 Responds

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](mailto: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](mailto:Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov)**

## Polling Locations and Voters during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The more an individual interacts with others, and the longer the interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread. Elections with only in-person voting on a single day are higher risk for COVID-19 spread because there will be larger crowds and longer wait times. Lower risk election polling settings include those with:

- A wide variety of voting options
- Longer voting periods (more days and/or more hours)
- Any other feasible options for reducing the number of voters who congregate indoors in polling locations at the same time

The virus that causes COVID-19, is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. Personal prevention practices (such as [handwashing](#), [staying home when sick](#)) and environmental [cleaning and disinfection](#) are important actions election officials, poll workers, and voters can take to help lower the risk of COVID-19 spread.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has provided an Elections Toolkit to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmissions at polling locations. You can find it at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/election-polling-locations/elections-toolkit.html>

Please use your community election resources and vote.

## Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festivities

Many traditional activities can put you at higher risk for exposure to COVID-19. There are several safer, alternative ways to celebrate Día de los Muertos. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Día de los Muertos festivities.

Lower risk activities can be safe alternatives. Some ideas are:

- Preparing traditional recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at [higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19](#), and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others
- Playing music in your home that your deceased loved ones enjoyed
- Making and decorating masks or making an altar for the deceased
- Setting out pillows and blankets in your home for the deceased
- Joining a virtual get-together celebration

Moderate risk activities include

- Having a small group outdoor, open-air parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Visiting and decorating graves of loved ones with household members only and keeping more than 6 feet apart from others who may be in the area
- Hosting or attending a small dinner with local family and friends outdoors where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart. Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on [hosting gatherings or cook-outs](#).

Avoid attending higher risk activities like large indoor celebrations or using alcohol or drugs, which can increase risky behaviors.

## 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.



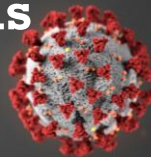
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## COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
874,367				8,680,611			43,341,451	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	391	84406	14441	2584	78318	2022	99238	+379
<b>Counties</b>								
Atascosa	24	1245	217	7	1463	16	1486	+5
Bandera	1	184	22	1	203	3	207	-
Bexar	0	52729	12038	1428	45778	1247	64767	+151
Calhoun	54	876	13	4	931	8	943	+1
Comal	0	2861	875	119	3497	120	3736	+27
DeWitt	0	1020	0	31	935	54	1020	-
Dimmit	9	266	5	8	269	3	280	+1
Edwards	4	68	0	4	68	0	72	+1
Frio	12	778	38	7	816	5	828	+5
Gillespie	14	350	24	12	374	2	388	+1
Goliad	0	166	46	6	202	4	212	-
Gonzales	17	1095	36	15	1124	9	1148	+1
Guadalupe	72	3807	383	32	4185	45	4262	+16
Jackson	21	628	3	12	633	7	652	+3
Karnes	10	499	24	6	518	9	533	+5
Kendall	11	377	130	2	511	5	518	+1
Kerr	31	671	78	41	727	12	780	+5
Kinney	3	64	1	2	66	0	68	+1
LaSalle	0	146	2	12	132	4	148	+1
Lavaca	52	1090	33	40	1122	13	1175	+11
Maverick	0	4224	0	411	3675	138	4224	+42
Medina	4	909	335	26	1192	30	1248	+6
Real	2	122	0	1	121	2	124	+1
Uvalde	0	833	35	8	820	40	868	-
Val Verde	0	2562	0	250	2187	125	2562	+73
Victoria	0	4267	9	62	4119	95	4276	+9
Wilson	15	987	83	6	1059	20	1085	+8
Zavala	26	437	11	25	443	6	474	+3
<b>Correctional/ICE Facilities</b>								
TDCJ†	0	785	0	3	782	0	785	-
ICE‡	4	313	0	2	315	0	317	+1
Other§	5	47	0	1	51	0	52	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (64); Frio: Briscoe Unit (23); Medina: Ney Unit (176), Torres Unit (193); Karnes: Connally Unit (329); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (217)								
‡Frio County (203), 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)								
<b>Region 8 Case Summary</b>							<b>Total</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>RHMOC</b>							<b>18293</b>	<b>+76</b>
Community Cases							17139	+75
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1154	+1
<b>Local Health Entities*</b>							<b>80945</b>	<b>+303</b>
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
<b>TOTAL</b>							<b>99238</b>	<b>+379</b>

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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