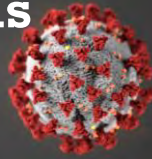


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Region 8 Responds

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**

DSHS Commissioner Hellerstedt Promotes Healthy Texas Society and Economy

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Commissioner Dr. John Hellerstedt reminds us that, "A healthy Texas is the foundation of a healthy society and economy." In his August letter to businesses, he describes communication tools and minimum recommended protocols ([minimum recommended health protocols](#)) for businesses and employers to protect employees and customers. [Letter to leaders of businesses and other organizations](#)

Mental Health, Substance Use, and Suicidal Ideation During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) August 14 issue addresses reports of considerably elevated adverse mental health conditions associated with COVID-19 during June 24-30, 2020 in U.S. adults. During late June, 40% of U.S. adults reported struggling with mental health or substance use. Younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and unpaid adult caregivers reported having experienced disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use, and elevated suicidal ideation. The implications for public health practice include a need to increase intervention and prevention efforts to address associated mental health conditions. Community-level efforts, including health communication strategies, should prioritize young adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers and unpaid caregivers. For more, https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6932a1.htm?s_cid=mm6932a1_e&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM35222

CDC COCA Call on 2020-2021 Influenza Vaccination Recommendations during COVID-19 Pandemic

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call for Thursday, August 20 (1 to 2 pm central time) will discuss updates to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommendations for the 2020-2021 influenza vaccination season. Topics will include the Standards for Adult Immunization Practice³, flu vaccination planning, general vaccination guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic, and guidance for large vaccination clinics held in satellite, temporary or off-site locations. If you are unable to attend the live COCA call, the recording will be available for viewing on the [COCA Call webpage](#) a few hours after the live event ends. [Free Continuing Education \(CE\)](#) will be offered for this COCA call. The slide set will be available under "Call Materials" on the COCA Call webpage.

A few minutes before the webinar starts, please click on the Zoom link below to join:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601970527>

Or iPhone one-tap :

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Webinar ID: 160 197 0527
this COCA Call.

International numbers available:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/u/aMN0chJG5>

COVID-19 Testing Sites

Registration for mobile testing sites is now available at <https://Texas.curativeinc.com/welcome>. For walk-up sites, registration will 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](#). Local hospitals and doctors' offices may also provide testing.



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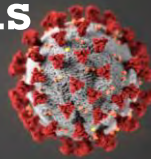
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
535,042				5,382,125			21,549,706	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	1204	55365	9143	10530	51399	1043	65712	+673
Counties								
Atascosa	86	433	65	24	549	11	584	+8
Bandera	19	81	7	4	102	1	107	+2
Bexar	0	36086	7966	6841	33873	598	44052	+379
Calhoun	80	475	7	39	519	4	562	+3
Comal	0	2132	572	522	2110	72	2704	+72
DeWitt	0	727	0	77	619	31	727	+14
Dimmit	33	117	1	16	135	0	151	+1
Edwards	9	21	0	3	27	0	30	-
Frio	74	412	16	51	447	4	502	+4
Gillespie	21	167	9	10	185	2	197	+3
Goliad	1	121	35	28	126	3	157	+3
Gonzales	83	638	19	39	693	8	740	+5
Guadalupe	214	1584	163	41	1881	39	1961	+37
Jackson	72	346	2	35	380	5	420	+3
Karnes	54	236	4	26	263	5	294	+8
Kendall	36	145	36	2	214	1	217	+9
Kerr	47	370	21	19	414	5	438	+1
Kinney	3	18	0	3	18	0	21	-
LaSalle	0	95	1	4	92	0	96	-
Lavaca	117	524	12	25	622	6	653	+3
Maverick	0	2596	0	784	1751	61	2596	-
Medina	56	575	144	68	685	22	775	+26
Real	12	79	1	4	88	0	92	+1
Uvalde	0	604	22	73	538	15	626	+20
Val Verde	0	1687	0	509	1109	69	1687	-
Victoria	0	3631	5	952	2622	62	3636	+47
Wilson	108	391	27	18	490	18	526	+14
Zavala	57	186	8	37	213	1	251	+7
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	769	0	275	494	0	769	+3
ICE‡	20	101	0	1	120	0	121	-
Other§	2	18	0	0	20	0	20	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (32); Frio: Briscoe Unit (6); Medina: Ney Unit (200), Torres Unit (193); Karnes: Connally Unit (338); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (267)								
‡Frio County (79), Karnes County (42), LaSalle County (3)								
§Dimmit County Jail (15), Guadalupe County Jail (2), Karnes County Jail (2), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							10057	+158
Community Cases							9147	+155
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							910	+3
Local Health Entities*							55655	+515
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							65712	+673

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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