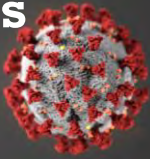


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Region 8 Responds

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*

FDA's EUA of Convalescent Plasma Now on Hold

Drs. Anthony Fauci and Francis Collins urged caution about the use of convalescent plasma for treating COVID-19 last week, citing weak data from the country's largest plasma study being conducted by the Mayo Clinic. The Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is now on hold as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) while they review additional data. According to H. Clifford Lane, the clinical director at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, an EUA could still be issued.

Convalescent plasma is donated by people who have survived COVID-19. It contains antibodies created in response to infection with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and might be effective against the infection in persons who receive it. Plasma is the transparent, liquid part of blood.

FDA Releases New Flowcharts and Information on Respirators

Other news from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) include that it is providing two new flowcharts and supporting information on respirators. For health care providers and facilities, see [Considerations for Selecting Respirators for Your Health Care Facility](#). Manufacturers and distributors can go to [Manufacturing and Distributing Respirators for Health Care Use in the United States Under an Existing Emergency Use Authorization \(EUA\) During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). The role of the FDA is to protect the public health by assuring the safety, effectiveness and security of human and veterinary drugs, vaccines and other biological products for human use, and medical devices.

Ready or Not

You never know when you might be faced with an emergency. The best way to keep your family safe is to prepare in advance. The Department of State Health Services recommends that you

Make a Plan: Disasters can strike quickly without warning. Your family may not be together in the same place when it happens, so it is important to plan for a disaster or emergency in advance. Your plan should include emergency contact information (people you can call to help you reunite with your family and stay informed); meeting places (locations near home and out-of-town to meet up with your family if you are separated); and an evacuation plan (possible routes away from the disaster). It is also important to practice your plan so everyone knows what to do.

Build a Kit: You will need essential supplies to support you and your family, including a 3-day supply of food and water; a first aid kit; and medications for you and your family. A Grab & Go Kit should include important documents and files that you do not want to lose while a Disaster Kit would provide supplies for a stay at home or an evacuation.

Get Informed: Whether it is a severe storm or a human-made disaster, you need to stay informed. Know what types of emergencies are common in your area and how to prepare for those conditions. Find sources that will keep you up-to-date on the situation. Learn the difference between a watch (dangerous conditions are possible) and a warning (it's about to happen—seek shelter now). For more <https://www.texasready.gov/>

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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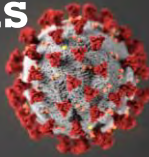
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
550,232				5,460,429			21,989,366	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	1406	55825	9240	10358	57268	1105	66471	+330
Counties								
Atascosa	92	433	65	16	563	11	590	+4
Bandera	21	81	7	3	105	1	109	+2
Bexar	0	36217	8048	6841	39047	637	44265	+143
Calhoun	88	474	7	28	537	4	569	+4
Comal	0	2256	578	528	2229	77	2834	+62
DeWitt	0	740	0	79	630	31	740	+13
Dimmit	37	117	1	12	143	0	155	+1
Edwards	9	21	0	2	28	0	30	-
Frio	107	412	16	49	482	4	535	+16
Gillespie	24	167	9	9	189	2	200	+1
Goliad	1	121	35	28	126	3	157	-
Gonzales	112	638	19	35	726	8	769	+12
Guadalupe	230	1585	163	34	1905	39	1978	+6
Jackson	97	346	2	34	405	6	445	+5
Karnes	65	236	4	18	282	5	305	+2
Kendall	42	145	36	2	219	2	223	+1
Kerr	50	370	21	16	419	6	441	+1
Kinney	3	18	0	1	20	0	21	-
LaSalle	0	99	1	6	92	2	100	-
Lavaca	133	524	12	24	639	6	669	+7
Maverick	0	2596	0	784	1751	61	2596	-
Medina	73	628	151	100	730	22	852	+8
Real	12	79	1	4	88	0	92	-
Uvalde	0	625	23	52	579	17	648	+11
Val Verde	0	1775	0	464	1232	79	1775	-
Victoria	0	3652	6	890	2706	62	3658	+20
Wilson	117	391	27	13	504	18	535	+5
Zavala	61	187	8	23	231	2	256	+4
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	773	0	262	511	0	773	+2
ICE‡	30	101	0	1	130	0	131	-
Other§	2	18	0	0	20	0	20	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (36); Frio: Briscoe Unit (6); Medina: Ney Unit (200), Torres Unit (193); Karnes: Connally Unit (338); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (265)								
‡Frio County (79), Karnes County (52), 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							10346	+92
Community Cases							9422	+90
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							924	+2
Local Health Entities*							56125	+238
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							66471	+330

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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