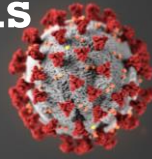


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Region 8 Responds

The Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMOOC) 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 Expands and Improves Measures of COVID-19 Positivity Rate

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) today will begin reporting two additional measures of the COVID-19 positivity rate, the percentage of tests that are positive in a given period. The update is the result of DSHS's work to enhance the [state's COVID-19 data](#) in partnership with the Governor's Strike Force.

While DSHS will continue to post the data in the form Texans are used to, DSHS will primarily rely on the positivity rate calculated according to when people were tested, the specimen collection date, which provides the most accurate view of the pandemic's effect over time. Because all test results received will be counted by when the test occurred, the rate for previous days will change as that information becomes more complete, and it will not be skewed by delays in reporting test results to the state.

"These enhancements are part of our continuous effort to improve the information we present," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, so must the data we share. Our information must provide the clearest possible picture of what is happening now and what has occurred in the past. The trends in this and other data shape our understanding of what to expect in the future."

As an additional point of reference, DSHS will also post a rate based on when lab results were reported to the state. Both new methods will use positive and total molecular test results reported in NEDDS, the National (continued)

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Electronic Disease Surveillance System, and be calculated as a seven-day average. They will also exclude duplicate or other erroneous lab results. Recent upgrades to NEDDS now allow DSHS to clean up the testing data more quickly to be used in positivity calculations.

The state's legacy positivity rate used the number of new confirmed COVID-19 cases over seven days divided by the number of new molecular test results over the same seven days. That method served as a reliable proxy for the overall COVID-19 trend for most of the pandemic. However, an influx of older test results in August caused new cases and new test results to get out of sync, leading to large swings in the positivity rate and the need to reevaluate methods to calculate it.

The positivity rate by specimen collection date shows a peak in late June and July as Texas saw a dramatic increase in the number of cases. DSHS will post all three methods for a time to allow for continued comparison.

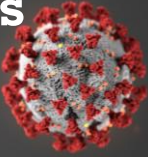
COVID-19 Testing Sites

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
September 16 8 to 4	Kerr	Kerr County Youth Events Center 3785 Texas 27, Kerrville (walk-up)
September 16 8 to 4	Zavala	Zavala County Nutrition Center 1210 N 7 th , Crystal City (walk-up)
September 18 8 to 4	La Salle	La Salle County Fire Station 1 951 Dobie Road, Cotulla (drive-through)
September 18 8 to 4	Kendall	Kendall County Fairgrounds 1307 River Road, Boerne (walk-up)

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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
663,445				6,537,627			29,155,581	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	696	64177	10541	4790	64089	1651	75414	+214
Counties								
Atascosa	56	561	65	41	626	15	682	-
Bandera	8	105	7	4	113	3	120	-
Bexar	0	40898	9118	3220	40896	1016	50016	+101
Calhoun	36	587	7	30	595	5	630	+5
Comal	0	2559	667	315	2796	115	3226	+23
DeWitt	42	845	0	68	778	41	887	-
Dimmit	16	160	2	10	166	2	178	-
Edwards	2	32	0	0	34	0	34	-
Frio	29	536	16	25	552	4	581	-
Gillespie	9	201	8	11	205	2	218	-
Goliad	0	152	40	12	177	3	192	+3
Gonzales	40	784	19	10	824	9	843	+2
Guadalupe	149	1803	166	53	2024	41	2118	+11
Jackson	37	485	2	28	489	7	524	+4
Karnes	23	305	5	12	313	8	333	-
Kendall	23	183	37	11	229	3	243	+2
Kerr	24	420	21	7	450	8	465	-
Kinney	2	22	0	1	23	0	24	-
LaSalle	0	101	9	1	106	3	110	-
Lavaca	92	614	13	30	680	9	719	+5
Maverick	0	3535	0	383	3038	114	3535	-
Medina	17	800	269	39	1020	27	1086	+21
Real	4	101	1	0	105	1	106	-
Uvalde	0	741	26	13	726	28	767	+1
Val Verde	0	1957	0	322	1547	88	1957	-
Victoria	0	3960	6	85	3805	76	3966	+18
Wilson	44	524	29	26	551	20	597	+3
Zavala	18	265	8	24	264	3	291	+1
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	783	0	9	774	0	783	+13
ICE‡	23	140	0	0	163	0	163	+1
Other§	2	18	0	0	20	0	20	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (57); Frio: Briscoe Unit (21); Medina: Ney Unit (180), Torres Unit (185); Karnes: Connally Unit (340); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (254)								
‡Frio County (80), Karnes County (83), 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							11525	+69
Community Cases							10559	+55
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							966	+14
Local Health Entities*							63889	+145
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							75414	+214

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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