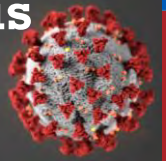


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Region 8 Responds

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

Governor Abbott, TEA, TDEM Announce COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas School Systems

Governor Abbott, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) have announced the creation of a COVID-19 Rapid Testing Pilot Program for Texas school systems. This program will help schools conduct rapid tests of district employees and students—with the written permission of their parents—to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campuses. Through this pilot program, TDEM will provide participating school systems with COVID-19 rapid antigen tests that will be administered to students, teachers and staff who choose to participate. Schools enrolled in the program will also receive personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely administer the rapid tests, which produce results within 15 minutes. The launch of the program includes eight participating school system with plans to significantly ramp up the program across the state. Texas public and private schools interesting in applying for the testing program will be able to apply through the Texas Education Agency no later than Wednesday, October 28. “This rapid testing pilot program will be an effective strategy to protect the health and safety of students and staff while helping to further ensure that Texas students have access to a quality education throughout the pandemic and beyond,” says Governor Abbott. Participating schools are Bob Hope School (Port Arthur), Fabens ISD, Grace Community School (Tyler), Granger ISD, Lampasas ISD, Longview ISD, Harlingen Consolidated ISD and Ysleta ISD.

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-tea-tdem-announce-covid-19-rapid-testing-pilot-program-for-texas-school-systems>

Webinar: Decarcerating Correctional Facilities during COVID-19

Please join the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on Tuesday, October 20 at 10 a.m. central time for the release of its new report, **Decarcerating Correctional Facilities during COVID-19: Advancing Health, Equity, and Safety**. This report provides information to policymakers, correctional officials and public health officials on best practices for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in correctional facilities through large-scale release and decarceration efforts. The webinar will include an overview of the study process and discussion of the report’s findings, conclusions and recommendations.

Speakers include:

- Emily Wang, Associate Professor, Yale School of Medicine
- Bruce Western, Bryce Professor of Sociology and Social Justice and Co-Director of the Justice Lab, Columbia University
- Hedwig Lee, Professor of Sociology, Washington University of St. Louis
- John Wetzel, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

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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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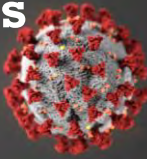
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
825,673				8,128,524			39,944,882	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	1079	81568	13821	2372	77214	1988	96468	+232
Counties								
Atascosa	94	1149	197	7	1417	16	1440	+4
Bandera	6	177	21	5	196	3	204	-
Bexar	0	51716	11612	1428	45778	1228	63328	+116
Calhoun	107	775	12	17	869	8	894	+3
Comal	0	2822	820	107	3415	120	3642	-
DeWitt	0	993	0	24	916	53	993	-
Dimmit	9	252	5	10	253	3	266	+3
Edwards	3	63	0	0	66	0	66	-
Frio	32	756	34	3	814	5	822	+1
Gillespie	17	332	22	12	357	2	371	+4
Goliad	0	157	43	3	193	4	200	-
Gonzales	44	1051	36	20	1102	9	1131	+5
Guadalupe	403	3389	324	16	4057	43	4116	+4
Jackson	42	593	3	11	620	7	638	+1
Karnes	54	448	22	3	512	9	524	-
Kendall	36	341	116	0	488	5	493	+6
Kerr	45	625	62	35	687	10	732	+5
Kinney	5	59	1	9	56	0	65	+9
LaSalle	0	134	3	3	130	4	137	+12
Lavaca	58	1042	29	37	1079	13	1129	+9
Maverick	0	3838	0	305	3400	133	3838	-
Medina	12	880	323	26	1159	30	1215	-
Real	2	106	1	1	106	2	109	-
Uvalde	0	820	34	11	803	40	854	+5
Val Verde	0	2398	0	183	2094	121	2398	+14
Victoria	0	4201	9	56	4060	94	4210	+8
Wilson	62	914	79	4	1031	20	1055	+3
Zavala	34	404	13	33	412	6	451	+17
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	791	0	2	789	0	791	+2
ICE‡	5	304	0	1	308	0	309	+1
Other§	9	38	0	0	47	0	47	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (65); Frio: Briscoe Unit (25); Medina: Ney Unit (176), Torres Unit (191); Karnes: Connally Unit (334); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (223)								
‡Frio County (201), Karnes County (108), 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 Jail (7), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							17722	+82
Community Cases							16575	+79
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1147	+3
Local Health Entities*							78746	+150
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							96468	+232

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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