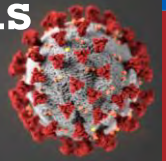


DSHS Region 8

**Coronavirus
Update
10/22/2020**



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**

Public Health Experts at DSHS and UTHealth Collaborate on Nation's Largest COVID-19 Serologic Testing Assessment

To help public health professionals and scientists better understand the spread of COVID-19 in Texas and the immune response it causes in individuals, researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) are partnering with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to launch the Texas Coronavirus Antibody Response Survey, Texas CARES. Texas CARES will determine the proportion of people throughout Texas who have COVID-19 antibodies, indicating a past infection and presumably some degree of immune protection. The collaboration aims to learn more about the number of people who have been infected in Texas, follow how infections spread over time, understand risk factors for the disease, and inform planning for future health care needs due to COVID-19. Participants will be asked to complete a brief survey about their health and factors that affect it. Next, they will visit a participating clinic to have their blood drawn for the first of up to three antibody tests that will occur several months apart. "DSHS saw a need to better understand how COVID-19 is affecting people across our state," said DSHS Commissioner John Hellerstedt, MD. "We are excited to partner with UTHealth to take an in-depth look at COVID-19 in Texas and help us respond to the pandemic." The assessment teams plan to enroll approximately 100,000 people, making it one of the largest COVID-19 antibody surveys in the U.S. For more information or to sign up for this survey, visit the [Texas CARES website](https://texascares.org) or email TexasCARES@uth.tmc.edu.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 24

To help curb the opioid crisis, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is setting up designated drop-off sites across the nation where anybody can anonymously dispose of prescription drugs from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 24.**

The 19th annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of prescription drugs while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications. If not disposed of properly, these drugs can get into the wrong hands and have dangerous consequences.

According to the DEA, over the past 18 years of the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 6,349 tons of prescription drugs have been collected. To find a collection site near you, visit the [National Prescription Drug Take Back Day webpage](https://www.dea.gov/national-prescription-drug-take-back-day).

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day webpage also includes information about

- Year-round pharmaceutical disposal locations
- Posters, handouts and other promotional materials
- Home disposal methods
- E-cigarette and vaping devices disposal information
- DEA registrant drug disposal and drug disposal rulemaking



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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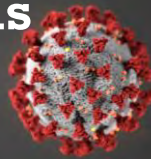
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
845,100				8,312,667			41,104,946	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	255	83242	14077	2470	77732	2003	97574	+336
Counties								
Atascosa	15	1239	200	4	1434	16	1454	+6
Bandera	1	184	21	4	199	3	206	+1
Bexar	0	52019	11788	1428	45778	1232	63807	+213
Calhoun	6	875	12	8	877	8	893	+1
Comal	0	2838	855	119	3454	120	3693	+16
DeWitt	0	1013	0	30	929	54	1013	-
Dimmit	6	263	5	9	262	3	274	+1
Edwards	0	68	0	0	68	0	68	-
Frio	7	774	36	2	810	5	817	-
Gillespie	10	343	22	12	361	2	375	+2
Goliad	0	157	43	3	193	4	200	-
Gonzales	20	1090	36	22	1115	9	1146	-
Guadalupe	60	3754	349	22	4098	43	4163	+29
Jackson	11	628	3	10	625	7	642	+1
Karnes	5	498	22	4	512	9	525	+1
Kendall	6	372	119	0	492	5	497	+2
Kerr	20	664	70	34	708	12	754	+5
Kinney	2	64	1	10	57	0	67	+1
LaSalle	0	136	4	6	130	4	140	-
Lavaca	33	1084	30	35	1099	13	1147	+8
Maverick	0	4110	0	380	3593	137	4110	+26
Medina	13	891	330	35	1169	30	1234	+3
Real	2	122	0	2	120	2	124	+1
Uvalde	0	825	34	9	810	40	859	+1
Val Verde	0	2431	0	174	2133	124	2431	-
Victoria	0	4238	9	67	4085	95	4247	+6
Wilson	10	982	78	4	1046	20	1070	+8
Zavala	22	436	10	31	431	6	468	+3
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	789	0	2	787	0	789	-
ICE‡	6	308	0	4	310	0	314	+1
Other§	0	47	0	0	47	0	47	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (65); Frio: Briscoe Unit (25); Medina: Ney Unit (175), Torres Unit (194); Karnes: Connally Unit (330); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (217)								
‡Frio County (201), Karnes County (113), 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 (7), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							17933	+75
Community Cases							16783	+74
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1150	+1
Local Health Entities*							79641	+261
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							97574	+336

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.

