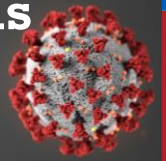


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Region 8 Responds

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**

Virus Spreads Risk at Holiday Celebrations

As we begin to plan for fall and winter holiday celebrations, here are some considerations to help protect individuals and their families, friends and communities from COVID-19. These considerations are meant to supplement – not replace – any local or tribal health and safety laws, rules and regulations with which holiday gatherings must comply. When planning to host a holiday celebration, you should assess current COVID-19 levels in your community to determine whether to postpone, cancel or limit the number of people attending.

Celebrating virtually or with members of your own household poses low risk for spread. In-person gatherings pose varying levels of risk. Organizers and attendees should consider the risk of virus spread based on event size and use of mitigation strategies. There are several factors to consider, including

- Community levels of COVID-19 – higher levels of COVID-19 and community spread increase the risk of infection and spread
- The duration of the gathering – longer events pose more risk than shorter ones
- The number of people attending – more people pose more risk
- The locations attendees are traveling from – people traveling from different places may pose a higher risk
- The behavior of people before the gathering – if attendees do not adhere to social distancing, hand washing or masks they may pose more risk
- The behavior of people at the event – mask wearing, hand washing and social distancing reduce risk to others

Halloween

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with household members
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children get a list of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk from house to house admiring decorations at a distance
- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with

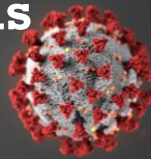


COVID-19 Testing Sites

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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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

| Texas | | | | USA | | | World | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------|--------------|
| 867,075 | | | | 8,617,022 | | | 42,966,344 | |
| REGION 8 | Case Type | | | Status | | | Summary | |
| | Pending Investigation | Confirmed | Probable | Active | Recovered | Deaths | Total | New |
| | 354 | 84141 | 14368 | 2554 | 78126 | 2020 | 98863 | +402 |
| Counties | | | | | | | | |
| Atascosa | 23 | 1247 | 211 | 7 | 1458 | 16 | 1481 | +7 |
| Bandera | 1 | 184 | 22 | 3 | 201 | 3 | 207 | - |
| Bexar | 0 | 52607 | 12009 | 1428 | 45778 | 1247 | 64616 | +140 |
| Calhoun | 54 | 875 | 13 | 5 | 929 | 8 | 942 | +1 |
| Comal | 0 | 2848 | 861 | 98 | 3491 | 120 | 3709 | +8 |
| DeWitt | 0 | 1020 | 0 | 31 | 935 | 54 | 1020 | +7 |
| Dimmit | 8 | 266 | 5 | 8 | 268 | 3 | 279 | +3 |
| Edwards | 3 | 68 | 0 | 3 | 68 | 0 | 71 | +2 |
| Frio | 9 | 778 | 36 | 5 | 813 | 5 | 823 | +2 |
| Gillespie | 13 | 349 | 25 | 13 | 372 | 2 | 387 | +7 |
| Goliad | 0 | 166 | 46 | 6 | 202 | 4 | 212 | +12 |
| Gonzales | 16 | 1096 | 35 | 17 | 1121 | 9 | 1147 | - |
| Guadalupe | 70 | 3802 | 374 | 35 | 4166 | 45 | 4246 | +27 |
| Jackson | 18 | 628 | 3 | 14 | 628 | 7 | 649 | +3 |
| Karnes | 7 | 499 | 22 | 4 | 515 | 9 | 528 | +1 |
| Kendall | 11 | 377 | 129 | 2 | 510 | 5 | 517 | +4 |
| Kerr | 27 | 670 | 78 | 41 | 722 | 12 | 775 | +9 |
| Kinney | 2 | 64 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 0 | 67 | - |
| LaSalle | 0 | 146 | 1 | 12 | 131 | 4 | 147 | +10 |
| Lavaca | 42 | 1090 | 32 | 33 | 1118 | 13 | 1164 | +4 |
| Maverick | 0 | 4182 | 0 | 422 | 3623 | 137 | 4182 | +66 |
| Medina | 6 | 903 | 333 | 33 | 1179 | 30 | 1242 | +3 |
| Real | 1 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 2 | 123 | - |
| Uvalde | 0 | 833 | 35 | 9 | 819 | 40 | 868 | +5 |
| Val Verde | 0 | 2489 | 0 | 208 | 2157 | 124 | 2489 | +58 |
| Victoria | 0 | 4258 | 9 | 74 | 4098 | 95 | 4267 | +10 |
| Wilson | 12 | 987 | 78 | 4 | 1053 | 20 | 1077 | +3 |
| Zavala | 23 | 438 | 10 | 26 | 439 | 6 | 471 | +2 |
| Correctional/ICE Facilities | | | | | | | | |
| TDCJ† | 0 | 789 | 0 | 3 | 786 | 0 | 789 | +1 |
| ICE‡ | 3 | 313 | 0 | 5 | 311 | 0 | 316 | +2 |
| Other§ | 5 | 47 | 0 | 4 | 48 | 0 | 52 | +5 |
| †DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (65); Frio: Briscoe Unit (24); Medina: Ney Unit (177), Torres Unit (193); Karnes: Connally Unit (330); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (217) | | | | | | | | |
| ‡Frio County (203), 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 (12), Uvalde County Jail (1) | | | | | | | | |
| Region 8 Case Summary | | | | | | | Total | New |
| RHMOC | | | | | | | 18221 | +91 |
| Community Cases | | | | | | | 17064 | +83 |
| Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases | | | | | | | 1157 | +8 |
| Local Health Entities* | | | | | | | 80642 | +311 |
| *Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties | | | | | | | TOTAL | 98863 |
| | | | | | | | | +402 |

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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