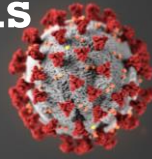


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Region 8 Responds

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**

Region 8 Appreciates!

Based on feedback received from our daily Coronavirus Update [survey](#), we will highlight contributions from specific individuals or groups each week. If you would like to submit a person or group for recognition, please email Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov.

This week Region 8 Appreciates Vaccine Researchers! Vaccines are widely recognized as one of the greatest achievements of public health. Millions of illnesses and deaths have been prevented by vaccines since the first vaccine was developed against smallpox over 200 years ago. This month, vaccine research and development reached a new milestone with the first vaccine approved against COVID-19.

Creating a new vaccine requires researchers to learn about the organism that causes an infection, examine how it interacts with our bodies, and identify the best way to help our bodies learn to recognize and fight that organism. Vaccine researchers must carefully study the efficacy and the safety of any new vaccine to ensure that it will protect us against illness.

The vaccines that will be used to fight COVID-19 represent the work of all the dedicated individuals across the world who have dedicated their careers to researching and improving vaccines. Region 8 would like to thank all the scientific researchers who have contributed to this great achievement.

ACIP's Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

The Center's for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) has released the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) Interim Recommendation for the use of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine. On December 11, the Food and Drug Administration issued an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine. On December 12, after an evidence-based review, the ACIP issued an interim recommendation for use of the vaccine in persons aged 16 and older for the prevention of COVID-19. The recommendation for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine should be implemented in conjunction with ACIP's interim recommendation for allocating initial supplies of COVID-19 vaccines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/pdfs/mm6950e2-H.pdf>

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

To enroll as a COVID-19 provider go to the registration portal at [EnrollTexasZ.dshs.texas.gov](https://enroll.texas.dshs.texas.gov). For questions or more information on the COVID-19 Vaccine Program, visit the [DSHS COVID-19 website](#) or email COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov. To see regional enrollment <https://txdshs.quickbase.com/db/bqx23e68f>

COVID-19 Testing Sites

Registration for mobile testing sites is now available at <https://Texas.curativeinc.com/welcome>. For walk-up sites, you can register 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
12/18 8 to 4	Guadalupe	Cibolo City Hall Parking Lot 200 S Main St., Cibolo Drive-through
12/20 8 to 4	Gillespie	Fredericksburg Elem. School 1608 N Adams, Fredericksburg Walk-up



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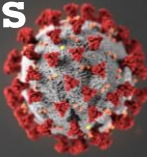
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,519,340				16,756,581			72,851,747	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	4396	122673	21922	8789	137903	2304	148991	+1912
Counties								
Atascosa	525	1655	362	299	2225	18	2542	+13
Bandera	95	288	65	51	394	3	448	+4
Bexar~	0	80456	17080	3844	92252	1440	97536	+1396
Calhoun	80	1011	37	52	1068	8	1128	+1
Comal	0	3758	1813	781	4654	141	5571	+72
DeWitt	0	1293	0	134	1102	57	1293	-
Dimmit	70	388	23	62	415	4	481	-
Edwards	30	133	11	23	151	0	174	-
Frio	257	896	109	127	1130	5	1262	+14
Gillespie	279	789	140	159	1046	3	1208	+17
Goliad	0	197	61	6	247	5	258	-
Gonzales	189	1266	44	90	1399	10	1499	+1
Guadalupe	927	4678	569	456	5671	47	6174	+36
Jackson	133	808	37	58	912	8	978	+6
Karnes	121	524	33	75	594	9	678	+7
Kendall	350	582	300	131	1095	6	1232	+24
Kerr	619	1029	233	357	1512	12	1881	+57
Kinney	7	61	1	4	65	0	69	+1
LaSalle	2	230	61	101	187	5	293	+45
Lavaca	142	1364	108	44	1557	13	1614	+4
Maverick	0	5679	0	729	4797	153	5679	+76
Medina	70	1395	601	155	1876	35	2066	+18
Real	24	142	5	15	154	2	171	+1
Uvalde	0	1406	45	118	1290	43	1451	+18
Val Verde	0	3791	0	377	3270	144	3791	+35
Victoria	0	5506	9	269	5142	104	5515	+38
Wilson	347	1310	143	222	1557	21	1800	+18
Zavala	79	697	32	36	764	8	808	+10
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ+	0	868	0	1	867	0	868	-
ICE‡	45	335	0	9	371	0	380	-
Other§	5	138	0	4	139	0	143	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (77); Frio: Briscoe Unit (83); Medina: Ney Unit (170), Torres Unit (209); Karnes: Connally Unit (329); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (201)								
‡Frio County (268), Karnes County (154), LaSalle County (51)								
§Atascosa County Jail (14), Dimmit County Jail (25), Guadalupe County Jail (7), Jackson County Jail (1), Karnes County Jail (2), Karnes County Det. Facility (42), Kinney County Det. Facility (51), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							29055	+250
Community Cases							27664	+250
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1391	-
Local Health Entities*							119936	+1662
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							148991	+1912

~Bexar County Active & Recovered Counts estimated by percentages reported on [SAMHD COVID Table Data](#)



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