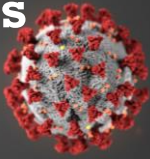


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Region 8 Responds

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

RHMOC Question of the Week: *Why should I get a COVID-19 vaccine? Is it safe?*

Some people may be concerned about getting vaccinated now that COVID-19 vaccines are available in the United States. While more COVID-19 vaccines are being developed as quickly as possible, routine processes and procedures remain in place to [ensure the safety](#) of any vaccine that is authorized or approved for use. Safety is a top priority, and there are many reasons to get vaccinated. They include:

- COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19. Getting vaccinated also helps protect the people around you.
- COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection. COVID-19 disease can have [serious, life-threatening complications](#), and there is no way to know how it will affect you.
- COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help stop the pandemic. Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your change of being exposed to the virus or spreading it, but these are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system to fight the virus if you are exposed.

Stopping the pandemic requires using all the tools we have available, including vaccination. For more, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

Based on our daily Coronavirus Update [survey](#), we will highlight a question each week! If you would like to submit a question, please email Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov.



Happy Holidays!

Region 8 will be closed on December 24 and December 25.

If you have a public health emergency, please call 210-949-2121.

The DSHS Region 8 Coronavirus Update will return on Monday, December 28.

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

To enroll as a COVID-19 provider go to the registration portal at [EnrollTexas@dshs.texas.gov](https://enroll.texas.dshs.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.



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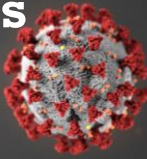
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,636,458				17,974,303			76,382,044	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	5869	130913	23797	15091	143144	2353	160579	+3354
Counties								
Atascosa	707	1772	374	381	2454	18	2853	+164
Bandera	155	307	67	86	440	3	529	+31
Bexar~	0	86609	18555	9332	94361	1471	105164	+1717
Calhoun	118	1022	40	56	1116	8	1180	+16
Comal	0	3854	2067	785	4999	146	5921	+90
DeWitt	0	1330	0	101	1172	57	1330	+9
Dimmit	133	433	23	112	473	4	589	+45
Edwards	26	142	14	9	173	0	182	+2
Frio	306	926	115	137	1205	5	1347	+9
Gillespie	373	838	144	175	1177	3	1355	+91
Goliad	0	204	68	12	255	5	272	+14
Gonzales	249	1300	45	122	1462	10	1594	+42
Guadalupe	1264	4899	584	606	6094	47	6747	+291
Jackson	172	825	38	78	949	8	1035	+28
Karnes	179	557	34	112	649	9	770	+45
Kendall	408	635	306	171	1172	6	1349	+53
Kerr	745	1117	256	364	1742	12	2118	+94
Kinney	16	61	1	8	70	0	78	+6
LaSalle	2	246	85	116	212	5	333	+11
Lavaca	153	1390	109	35	1604	13	1652	+8
Maverick	0	6001	0	754	5088	159	6001	+154
Medina	114	1469	630	158	2020	35	2213	+42
Real	46	153	5	42	160	2	204	+28
Uvalde	0	1600	48	157	1448	43	1648	+55
Val Verde	0	4120	0	527	3444	149	4120	+93
Victoria	0	5622	9	248	5277	106	5631	+16
Wilson	544	1367	146	324	1712	21	2057	+156
Zavala	107	716	34	54	795	8	857	+26
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	894	0	16	878	0	894	-
ICE‡	46	356	0	9	393	0	402	+16
Other§	6	148	0	4	150	0	154	+2
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (81); Frio: Briscoe Unit (83); Medina: Ney Unit (172), Torres Unit (223); Karnes: Connally Unit (335); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (199)								
‡Frio County (290), Karnes County (154), LaSalle County (59)								
§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 (62), Uvalde County Jail (1)								
Region 8 Case Summary							Total	New
RHMOC							31807	+1250
Community Cases							30357	+1232
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1450	+18
Local Health Entities*							128772	+2104
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							160579	+3354

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



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