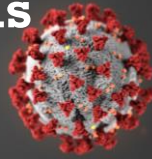


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Region 8 Responds

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*

Four Things to Know about the COVID-19 Vaccine

1. Safety is a top priority. The new COVID-19 vaccines have been evaluated in tens of thousands of volunteers during clinical trials. The vaccines are only authorized for use if they are found to be safe. Even though they found no safety issues during the clinical trials, [CDC and other federal partners will continue to monitor](#) the new vaccines. They watch out for serious side effects using vaccine safety monitoring systems, like the new [V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker](#) app.

2. The vaccines are highly effective. You'll likely need two doses for full protection. All but one of the COVID-19 vaccines currently in development need two shots to be effective. You will need two doses from the same manufacturer, spaced 21 or 28 days apart. You will get full protection from the vaccine usually 1-2 weeks after getting the second dose. After you get the vaccine, you will still need to keep wearing a mask, social distance, and wash hands often. That's because stopping a pandemic requires all the tools we have. All these efforts combined will offer the best protection from COVID-19 and help us get back to normal sooner.

3. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines do not use the live virus and cannot give you COVID-19. The vaccine does not alter your DNA. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an immune response without your having to experience sickness. Having symptoms like fever after you get a vaccine is normal and a sign your immune system is building protection against the virus. The side effects from COVID-19 vaccination may feel

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like flu, but they should go away in a few days. Learn more about [side effects to expect and get helpful tips](#) on how to reduce pain and discomfort after your vaccination.

4. Texas is already distributing vaccine and will continue as more becomes available. The Texas Commissioner of Health appointed an [Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel \(EVAP\)](#) of subject matter experts to make recommendations on vaccine allocation. This includes identifying groups that should be vaccinated first. The goal is to provide the most protection to vulnerable populations and critical state resources. Other groups will receive vaccine in coming months as more vaccine is available. Check the [DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#) page for the most current information.



Happy New Year!

**Region 8 will be closed on January 1.
If you have a public health emergency,
please call 210-949-2121.**

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment

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



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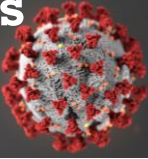
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COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

Texas				USA			World	
1,715,978				19,055,869			79,931,215	
REGION 8	Case Type			Status			Summary	
	Pending Investigation	Confirmed	Probable	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total	New
	4986	139202	25126	14725	152191	2407	169314	+972
Counties								
Atascosa	584	1892	393	178	2673	18	2869	+5
Bandera	151	328	77	57	496	3	556	+5
Bexar~	0	92821	19440	9968	100783	1510	112261	+43
Calhoun	106	1036	44	29	1149	8	1186	+2
Comal	0	3878	2235	899	5066	157	6113	+113
DeWitt	0	1346	0	106	1183	57	1346	-
Dimmit	95	476	23	40	550	4	594	-
Edwards	17	151	14	1	181	0	182	-
Frio	287	961	141	104	1280	5	1389	+30
Gillespie	291	925	165	70	1308	3	1381	+13
Goliad	0	208	74	8	269	5	282	-
Gonzales	215	1348	46	73	1526	10	1609	+10
Guadalupe	1061	5130	625	320	6449	47	6816	+25
Jackson	163	854	39	51	997	8	1056	-
Karnes	136	599	35	33	728	9	770	+6
Kendall	349	674	345	83	1279	6	1368	+5
Kerr	747	1217	295	239	2008	12	2259	+56
Kinney	9	69	1	8	71	0	79	+1
LaSalle	2	268	96	149	212	5	366	-
Lavaca	123	1430	112	20	1632	13	1665	+3
Maverick	0	6268	0	746	5361	161	6268	+227
Medina	64	1550	665	128	2116	35	2279	+21
Real	26	172	7	17	186	2	205	+1
Uvalde	0	1725	48	143	1586	44	1773	+61
Val Verde	0	4455	0	787	3519	149	4455	+252
Victoria	0	5750	9	240	5412	107	5759	+52
Wilson	446	1479	162	151	1915	21	2087	+6
Zavala	86	740	35	36	817	8	861	+3
Correctional/ICE Facilities								
TDCJ†	0	924	0	40	884	0	924	+32
ICE‡	24	378	0	0	402	0	402	-
Other§	4	150	0	1	153	0	154	-
†DeWitt: Stevenson Unit (82); Frio: Briscoe Unit (83); Medina: Ney Unit (172), Torres Unit (249); Karnes: Connally Unit (338); LaSalle: Cotulla Unit (200)								
‡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							32464	+285
Community Cases							30984	+253
Inmate†/Detainee‡ Cases							1480	+32
Local Health Entities*							136850	+687
*Bexar, Comal, DeWitt, Goliad, LaSalle, Maverick, Val Verde & Victoria Counties								
TOTAL							169314	+972

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



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