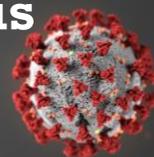


# DSHS Region 8

## Coronavirus Update 4/15/20



### Region 8 Responds

The Regional Health and Medical Operations Center (RHMO) is open 8am to 5pm daily. Please send general questions to [Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov) or call 210-949-2121. To subscribe to this update, email [Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Region8COVID-19@dshs.texas.gov) with "Subscribe" in the subject line and ensure we are added to your contacts.

### CDC Updates Guidance for Infection Prevention and Control in Healthcare Settings

CDC updated its *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease in Health Care Settings* on Monday, April 13. The update focuses on source control recommendations for everyone entering a health care facility, regardless of symptoms. CDC now recommends that everyone entering a health care facility, including patients and visitors, wear a facemask or cloth face covering.

### TAHC Releases Interim Veterinary Guidance on Companion Animal Coronavirus Testing in Texas

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TACH) has released interim guidance for veterinarians regarding testing companion animals for the virus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) State Public Health Veterinarian and TAHC will authorize testing of certain animals with their prior approval. At this time, general animal testing for SARS-CoV-2 is not recommended. Animals that will be considered for testing include those that are showing compatible symptoms with SARS-CoV-2 infection and meet certain criteria as determined by DSHS and TAHC. There is still no evidence that companion animals can spread the virus to humans. For more information, visit: [https://www.tahc.texas.gov/covid19/TAHCVeterinaryGuidance\\_COVID\\_CompanionAnimalTesting.pdf](https://www.tahc.texas.gov/covid19/TAHCVeterinaryGuidance_COVID_CompanionAnimalTesting.pdf).

### References

- [www.dshs.Texas.gov/coronavirus](http://www.dshs.Texas.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.strac.org/coronavirus](http://www.strac.org/coronavirus)

### COVID-19 Cases at a Glance

	Texas	USA	World	
	15,492	605,390	1,918,138	
	Active	Recovered	Deaths	Total
<b>REGION 8</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1138</b>
Atascosa	4	5	-	9
Bandera	3	-	-	3
Bexar	641	141	33	815
Calhoun	8	11	-	19
Comal	18	19	6	43
DeWitt	4	6	-	10
Dimmit	0	1	-	1
Edwards	-	-	-	0
Frio	0	1	-	1
Gillespie	0	1	-	1
Goliad	4	1	-	5
Gonzales	1	1	-	2
Guadalupe	24	29	-	53
Jackson	0	4	-	4
Karnes	1	2	-	3
Kendall	4	10	-	14
Kerr	2	2	-	4
Kinney	-	-	-	0
LaSalle	1	-	-	1
Lavaca	2	2	-	4
Maverick	7	3	-	10
Medina	9	4	2	15
Real	-	-	-	0
Uvalde	0	6	-	6
Val Verde	7	5	-	12
Victoria	51	38	-	89
Wilson	6	6	1	13
Zavala	1	-	-	1

Total Region 8 Cases	RHMO Investigations	Local Jurisdiction Investigations*
1138	163	975
New Cases Reported Today		
38	11	27

\*Includes: Bexar, Comal, Uvalde, Val Verde, & Victoria Counties; and the City of Eagle Pass

### FDA Releases COVID-19 Resources for the Retail Food Industry

The FDA is sharing information about best practices to operate retail food stores, restaurants, and associated pick-up and delivery services during the COVID-19 pandemic to safeguard workers and consumers. FDA guidance includes considerations for how foods offered at retail can be safely handled as well as key best practices for employee health, cleaning and sanitizing and personal protective equipment (PPE). For more information, visit the DSHS Retail Food Establishments web page at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/foodestablishments>.



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