



# Karnes County

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## Public Health Services

Health and community education; immunizations for eligible children and adults; tuberculosis treatment and contact identification; HIV and STD testing, treatment or referral, and education; communicable disease investigations; emergency preparedness and response; general sanitation and food establishment inspections.

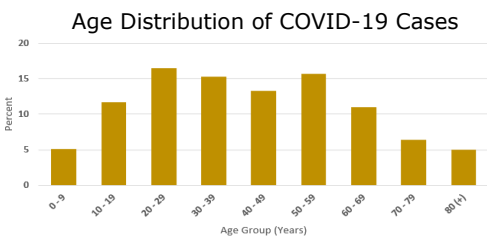
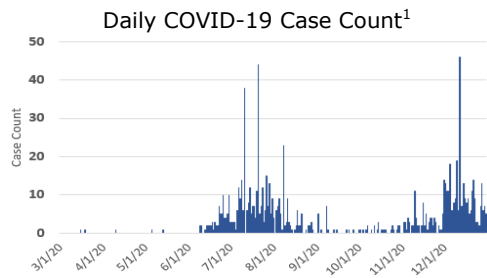
## Region 8 Activities

- Respond to COVID-19 pandemic by conducting case investigations and contact tracing, and serving on the School and Immunization Task Forces
- Promote school and worksite wellness and safety
- Serve on Southeast Child Fatality Review Team and Kenedy, Karnes City and Runge ISDs School Health Advisory Committees
- Participate in Karnes County Food Policy Council and assist local food banks
- Distribute, install and inspect child care seats and teach parents to use them correctly
- Educate the community about safe sleep, nutrition, tobacco use, breast feeding, child and adolescent safety, and Ready or Not
- Conduct perinatal hepatitis B prevention and case management
- Offer Wisdom, Power and Control classes with area partners to control diabetes
- Distribute health advisories on important health topics
- Participate in local health fairs, career day, National Night Out and other community events
- Assist local schools in Vision/Hearing and Spinal screenings required by the state

## Immunizations

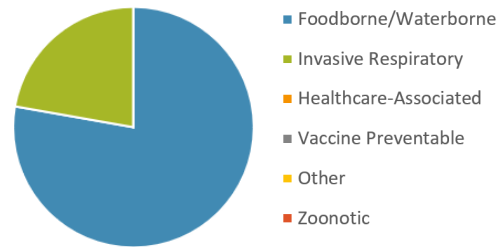
- The percent of school students with a conscientious exemption from immunizations filed at the school district level in Karnes County is 1.01% up from 0.35% in 2019

## COVID-19 Case Summary



<sup>1</sup>Case counts as of 12/31/2020; cases are categorized by event date (first available of symptom onset date, specimen collection date, lab result date, or date reported to public health)

## Notifiable Conditions Summary <sup>1</sup>



Condition Group	Most Commonly Reported Condition	Incidence <sup>2</sup>
Foodborne/Waterborne	Campylobacteriosis	19.23
Healthcare-Associated	<i>none reported</i>	—
Invasive Respiratory	Streptococcus, invasive Group B & Legionellosis	6.41
Vaccine Preventable	<i>none reported</i>	—
Zoonotic	<i>none reported</i>	—

<sup>1</sup>The complete list of Texas Notifiable Conditions is available at: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/IDCU/investigation/Notifiable-Conditions.aspx>

<sup>2</sup>Incidence is calculated per 100,000 population, using 2019 U.S. Census Bureau population estimates

## 2020 Public Health by the Numbers

- 1,217 confirmed cases of COVID-19
- 78.01 COVID-19 incidence (Incidence is calculated using confirmed case counts reported on the DSHS dashboard; calculated per 1,000 population)
- <5 new cases of HIV/AIDS (2019 data)
- <5 cases of tuberculosis
- 1 rabies quarantine facility inspected
- 4 retail food inspections
- 2 school cafeterias inspected