

Greetings Rockdale Family and Community Partners,

The following is the updated Covid Newsletter for this week. Covid numbers have been updated as well as new information regarding Rockdale and Newton County Covid testing sites. Thank you and have a great weekend. Stay Safe!

Summary of Updates

- County Overview: Covid-19 area category – High
 - a. Site Location and vaccine appointments
 - b. Vaccines are available for 5 –11-year old's
- Covid-19 Updates
- Other information and new updates
 - a. Springfield Baptist Church drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is closing

Rockdale County Covid-19 Overview

As of late Covid-19 numbers are still indicative of Rockdale County being a **High** area per the Georgia Department of Public Health and the CDC.

Please see below for vaccine and testing updates, and encourage all staff, department, family, and friends to be aware of solid hygiene and mask habits and the importance of getting vaccinated. As a reminder, here are a few ways you can protect yourself and your family:

- Get Vaccinated!
- In high and substantial transmission areas, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors!
- Remember to stay 6 feet away from people and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated areas!

Visit the COVID dashboard [here](#) to see the latest COVID stats for GA and Rockdale.

Sites for locating/booking Vaccination Appointments:

Private provider via <https://vaccinefinder.org/>

Text 'Vax' to 1-844-554-4024

Links to scheduling options are available on DPH's vaccine [website](#) and the following link [Mako Medical - GA Testing](#)

DPH hotline for individuals with questions or those that need assistance scheduling an appointment - Public Health Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line 888-457-0186. If you know of individuals who cannot schedule online, please refer them to this call center. A representative will make an appointment for them.

All local Public Health Departments and open GNR Health Department clinic sites (Lawrenceville, Norcross, Covington, and Conyers) will be providing vaccines on a walk-in

basis. These departments can also provide you with vaccine cards if you did not receive one during your vaccination(s).

DPH/Mako Test Sites is a partnership between DPH and Mako Medical to offer **free** COVID-19 testing events across Georgia. The site for Rockdale County is Springfield Baptist Church. (See below)

The Springfield Baptist Church drive-thru COVID-19 testing site is open until March 4, 2022, operational from 9 am to 5 pm, Tuesday to Friday, and every other Saturday. please register for testing below: <https://mako.exchange/scheduler/registration/?location=5991>

Please feel free to reach out with any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you

Reminder: the vaccine is available for 5–11-year old's

You can **Walk-in or schedule an appointment** at a public or private site throughout GA. The vaccine is available with no appointment at all GNR mass vaccination sites and open GNR Health Department clinic sites (Lawrenceville, Norcross, Covington, and Conyers). Vaccines for 5–11-year-olds continue to be available at GNR health centers only.

CDC recommends **everyone ages 5 years and older** get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19.

Authorized For	Pfizer-BioNTech	Moderna	J&J / Janssen
4 years and under	No	No	No
5–11 years old	Yes	No	No
12–17 years old	Yes	No	No
18 years and older	Yes	Yes	*

*Everyone ages 18 years and older should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 2 months after receiving the Johnson & Johnson's Janssen (J&J/Janssen) vaccine [in most situations](#).

Widespread vaccination for COVID-19 is a critical tool to best protect everyone from COVID-19 and COVID-19 related complications. Children and teens who are [fully vaccinated can safely resume many activities](#) that they did prior to the pandemic.

Everyone ages 16 years and older can get a COVID-19 booster shot. Learn more about [booster shots](#).

COVID-19 Data

Rockdale is currently categorized in the High transmission category.

Rockdale has had **17**, (this number now contains the Antigen tests) total report/tested cases and **280** deaths to date (02/02/2022).

The 7-day positivity rate for Rockdale is **17.7%** (This is a slight decrease from last reported number of **25.3%**)

The 14-day positivity rate for Rockdale is **20.4%**. There is a slight decrease from last recorded number of **24.1%**. This number needs to consistently stay below 10% for us to see long term relief.

The 14-day case rate is **1,271/100K** (confirmed PCR tests). (This is a slight decrease from last weeks reported number of **1,513**)

The 14-day case rate is **667/100K** (PCR and Antigen tests). (This is a slight decrease from last weeks reported number of **1,769**)

2-week Age specific laboratory case rates were increasing in all age categories. **They were highest in the 18-22-year-old age group** (3,544 per 100,000 – PCR + antigen).

14-day rate is high in all age categories.

As of 02/02/2022, Rockdale Medical Center is operating at *moderately high* capacity overall, with 50% ventilators available.

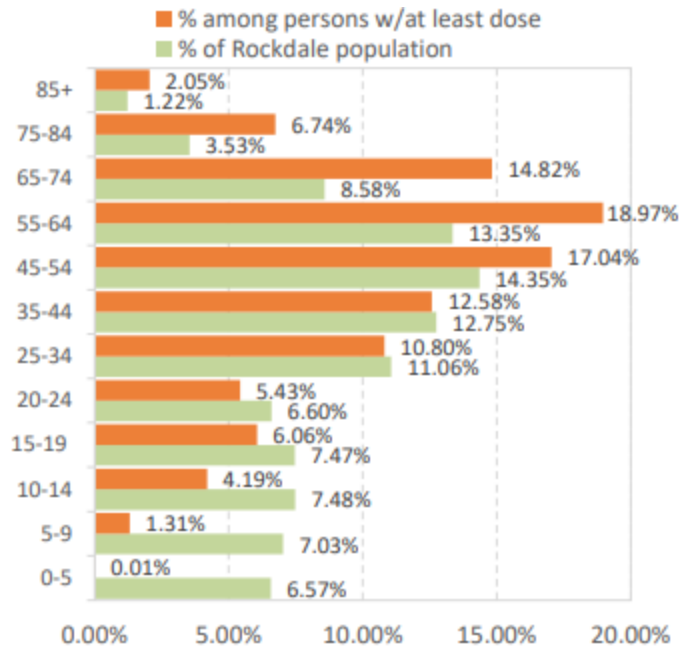
Based on current reporting for the COVID-19 vaccine:

57% of the eligible population in Rockdale has at least one dose.

52% of the eligible population in Rockdale is fully vaccinated.

(These numbers now include those 5 years of age and older as eligible)

**Vaccinations by age groups: (at least one dose) As of 02/02/22
(Percent shown is the percentage of all residents in that age group)**



Please make your staff, department, family, and friends aware that now is not the time to become complacent in our efforts to combat this virus. As schools, businesses, and churches continue to reopen completely, it will be effortless to fall out of our good hygiene habits to combat COVID. So, keep up the efforts and get vaccinated!

Other Information and New Updates!

The Springfield Baptist Church Covid testing location will be closing March 4, 2022.

Newton County testing site is now open.