

Greetings Rockdale Family and Community Partners,

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Rockdale County Covid-19 Overview

As of late Covid-19 numbers are indicative of Rockdale County being a **Low** area per the Georgia Department of Public Health

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.

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 **Low transmission** category. This is one step down from High transmission.

Rockdale has had **18,298** (this number now contains the Antigen tests) total report/tested cases and **312** deaths to date (**04/01/2022**).

NEW DPH CHART	CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker/ Community Report ²			CDC COVID-19 Community Level (NEW*) ³			
	7-day Confirmed Case Rate Per 100,000	7-day PCR % Positive	DPH Level of Community Transmission	7-day Confirmed Case Rate Per 100,000	7-day PCR % Positive	CDC Level of Community Transmission	COVID-19 Community Level
Current	15	1.7%	Moderate	27.5	2.4%	Low	Low
Previous	31	2.40%	Moderate	17.60	1.74%	Moderate	Low

As of 04/01/2022, Rockdale Medical Center is operating with 50% ventilators available.

Based on current reporting for the COVID-19 vaccine:

58% of the eligible population in Rockdale has at least one dose.

54% of the eligible population in Rockdale is fully vaccinated.

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

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!

Remember that there are now CDC mask requirements in communities with a Low transmission.

- Testing Update
 - There are still many public testing locations around Gwinnett County, but most are only seeing anywhere from 2 – 20 people per day. We are still awaiting delivery on some self-serve PCR Testing Kiosks that will be set up near our Newton, Rockdale, and Norcross health centers.
- Vaccine update
 - Vaccine is still available at Lawrenceville, Norcross, Newton, and Rockdale Health Centers, as well as every pharmacy in town, but demand is extremely low. **Our Sears mass vaccination site is now only open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**