

Greetings Rockdale Family and Community Partners,

Rockdale County EMA continues to keep a close eye on any COVID-19-related matters as the Pandemic continues to be a dynamic situation and data and information is subject to change. Below are some notable changes and information for the purpose of situational awareness.

## 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

### COVID-19 Data

Rockdale is currently categorized in the **Low transmission** category according to CDC and **high transmission** category according to DPH.

Rockdale has had **18,698** (this number now contains the Antigen tests) total report/tested cases and **320** deaths to date (**05/19/2022**).

NEW DPH CHART	CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker/ Community Report <sup>2</sup>			CDC COVID-19 Community Level (NEW*) <sup>3</sup>			
	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	79	11.2%	High	99.01	12.19	Low	Low
Previous	146	1.0%	Moderate	***	0.83%	Low	Low

As of **05/19/2022**, Rockdale Medical Center is operating with 50% ventilators available.

**Based on current reporting for the COVID-19 vaccine:**

**59%** 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)

## **New updates**

- FDA issued new limits on the J&J vaccine for certain individuals yesterday. As a result, authorized use of the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is limited to individuals 18 years of age and older for whom other authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccines are not accessible or clinically appropriate, and to individuals 18 years of age and older who elect to receive the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine because they would otherwise not receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

## **Old News**

**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!**

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](#).