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NHANES exams begin, interviews continue

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Medical and dental exams begin this week for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, of which Comal County is one of just 15 counties nationwide taking part, while interviews with county residents continue through late April.

If residents are concerned about whether an interviewer at their door is truly from the survey, NHANES and Comal County recommend asking to see the interviewer's ID badge and comparing the picture against staff photos found on the county website at mycomalcounty.com/nhanes.htm.

This page includes photographs of every NHANES employee who may be working in Comal County. If the interviewer will not provide his or her ID badge, or if the badge does not match any of the photographs online, end the interview and call the New Braunfels Police Department or Comal County Sheriff's Office.

“We want to make sure residents know that we are always willing and able to produce identification,” said Jacque (JACK-ie) DeMatteis, NHANES study manager. “Your cooperation is important to helping study and improving the nation's health and nutritional habits, and we are committed to making sure residents can participate safely.”

The medical and dental exams will take place in the mobile exam center trailers in downtown New Braunfels. Data collected during the interviews and exams is kept anonymous and confidential, with copies of any results provided to the participants for review with their doctor if they so choose. For more information about NHANES, visit cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm.

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