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Comal County confirms fourth COVID-19 death, 34 total cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Thursday confirmed a fourth death related to COVID-19 and five more cases of the disease.

The woman, in her 80s, died at home over the weekend, and a positive postmortem test for COVID-19 was reported to the Office of Public Health on Thursday morning. Her husband, who had been hospitalized in San Antonio with the disease, died overnight Tuesday.

“We continue to mourn the loss of these members of our community, and continue to pray for their loved ones,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “Social distancing remains our best and most effective tool to prevent these losses, and we continue to remind everyone to do everything they can to slow and stop the spread of COVID-19.”

Her case is the 34th confirmed to the county as of Thursday morning. The other four new cases include one near Spring Branch, one in New Braunfels, and one in Fair Oaks Ranch. Two are under 18, and one is in their 40s. All are home-isolated.

Another of the most recent confirmed cases has a post office box within the county, and the Office of Public Health is working to identify their home address.

In addition, the Office of Public Health confirmed nine new recoveries in accordance with criteria established by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, for a total of 16. Fourteen cases remain active.

“As a result of bringing more members of our Public Health staff into the process of monitoring and making contact with those who have tested positive in the county, we have been able to confirm that these patients have recovered and no longer need to be isolated at home,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County’s director of public health. “Meanwhile, we continue to monitor other patients to ensure they are isolating themselves and protecting our community.”

As of Wednesday night, Comal County’s Office of Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 324 tests conducted
- 34 positive tests
- 210 negative tests
- 80 results still pending

Of the 34 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 12 from New Braunfels or the immediate area
- 6 from the Bulverde area
- 5 from eastern Comal County
- 3 from north of Canyon Lake
- 2 from south of Canyon Lake
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch
- 1 from the Spring Branch area
- 1 from southwest Comal County
- 1 from central Comal County
- 1 under investigation

Information about COVID-19, as well as coronavirus-related county office closures and restrictions, is available at www.comalcountytexas.com/covid19.

Residents with questions or concerns about the novel coronavirus can call the county's dedicated COVID-19 hotline, 830-221-1120, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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