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Additional COVID-19 testing, PPE available in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Personal protective equipment for physicians and COVID-19 testing for the general public are both expanding in Comal County this week.

The drive-through testing center operated by private physicians with support from the county, the city of New Braunfels and other agencies is opening its phone number for making appointments to the public, including those without immediate access to a doctor.

“Anyone who thinks they need a COVID-19 test can call 830-312-7980, and the nurses at that number will help set them up a telemedicine appointment to make sure they meet testing criteria and – if they do – get an order for a test,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County’s director of public health. “We want to make sure everyone in our community who needs a test can get one, regardless of whether they have immediate access to a doctor.”

Also, Comal County’s Office of Emergency Management has received thousands of masks, face shields and gloves for distribution to primary care physicians who might treat COVID-19 patients or who conduct coronavirus testing in unincorporated areas of the county, as well as the cities of Bulverde, Garden Ridge and Spring Branch.

The equipment from the Texas Division of Emergency Management includes 8,000 masks, 2,000 face shields and 2,000 nitrile gloves. Physicians should call the Comal County Office of Public Health at 830-221-1150 to arrange pickup.

“This is a great opportunity for local doctors who might be short on equipment to restock their supplies so they can continue doing heroic work caring for their patients,” said Jeff Kelley, Comal County’s emergency management coordinator. “Stopping the spread of coronavirus requires doctors and nurses who can safely do their job, and this is a big step toward making sure they can continue to do so.”

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