



COMAL COUNTY

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Free COVID-19 tests available Thursday

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NEW BRAUNFELS — A one-day drive-through site in Comal County will provide a free COVID-19 test to anyone who makes an appointment next week.

The site – set up by the Texas Division of Emergency Management and Texas Department of State Health Services in coordination with Comal County and Comal Independent School District – will be at Canyon High School, 1510 IH-35, New Braunfels, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

Those needing a test must call 512-883-2400 or visit www.txcovidtest.org beginning Tuesday morning to register and receive an appointment time. Registrations will not be accepted for the Comal County site until 48 hours before it opens.

“We’re pleased to partner with the state and Comal ISD to make this opportunity available for residents who might not otherwise have access to a doctor or be able to afford a test,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “This will be an important step toward increasing our testing capacity and better understanding the spread of the coronavirus in our community.”

The site will test between 50 and 60 people. Before receiving an appointment, residents will be screened for the following symptoms: fever and/or chills; cough, dry or productive; fatigue; body aches or muscle or joint pain; shortness of breath; sore throat; headache; nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; nasal congestion; or loss of taste or smell.

COVID-19 update

The county on Thursday confirmed the recovery of one patient, bringing the total to 35. With six deaths, seven cases remain active among county residents, two of them hospitalized and the rest self-isolating at home.

As of Friday morning, the Office of Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 674 tests conducted
- 48 positive tests
- 605 negative tests
- 21 results still pending

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