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County now managing local drive-through COVID-19 testing

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NEW BRAUNFELS — As of Monday, Comal County in coordination with the New Braunfels Fire Department is now managing the local drive-through COVID-19 testing center.

The center, established by a group of local physicians, began accepting appointments April 6. Those appointments, previously coordinated by volunteer nurses, now will be arranged by the Office of Public Health. Those seeking an appointment should call the county's COVID-19 hotline at 830-221-1120.

“We appreciate the volunteers who helped provide an opportunity for COVID-19 testing for those who otherwise did not have the ability to get it,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County’s director of public health. “We look forward to continuing their work and continuing to test as many people as possible so we can get an accurate picture of the spread of coronavirus in our community.”

New Braunfels Fire Department will continue taking samples, and the county’s health authority, Dr. Dorothy Overman, will continue to be the physician of record for patients without a doctor to authorize the test.

Appointments and management of the operation, however, have shifted to the county.

“We’re grateful for our ongoing partnership with the City of New Braunfels that allows us to continue providing this service for our residents,” said County Judge Sherman Krause. “Maintaining a consistent source of COVID-19 testing is important to stopping its spread, and assuming management of this facility is the best way to ensure testing continues in Comal County.”

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