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County confirms 13 new COVID-19 cases, adds 13 more in new 'probable cases' category

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Monday confirmed 13 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 134.

The county also confirmed 13 probable cases, a new category for those who have tested positive using a quick-result antigen test without receiving a positive PCR test, which takes longer to process and is considered more accurate, and which is the standard for when a person is considered positive for the coronavirus, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

“For all intents and purposes, a probable case is treated the same as a confirmed positive case,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County director of public health. “They have reported COVID-19 symptoms, and they either have a positive test result or close contact with a confirmed positive case.”

Whether a case is probable or confirmed, the instructions for the patient are identical, and the Office of Public Health alerts first responders to take extra precautions if responding to their address. Epidemiological investigations also treat confirmed and probable cases identically.

The county has added the category in keeping with guidelines from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and it has been added to the county’s COVID-19 dashboard, available at www.comalcountytexas.com/covid19.

The 26 probable and confirmed cases are all home-isolated and break down this way:

- 19 (10 confirmed, 9 probable) from the New Braunfels area, ranging in age from under 18 to their 80s;
- 3 (1 confirmed, 2 probable) from eastern Comal County, two in their 20s and one in their 40s;
- 2 (1 confirmed, 1 probable) from the Spring Branch area, in their 30s and 60s;
- 1 confirmed from Bulverde in their 40s; and
- 1 probable from the south side of Canyon Lake in their 70s.

The county also confirmed 12 recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 109. With seven deaths, the county now has 31 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, two of them hospitalized.

“As people increase their contact with each other, we are seeing the spread of COVID-19 increase,” Fraser said. “It’s more important than ever for everyone in our community to protect themselves, their loved ones and their neighbors by avoiding large groups, wearing face coverings, and washing hands or using hand sanitizer frequently.”

As of Tuesday morning, the Comal County Office of Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 3,885 tests conducted
- 134 confirmed cases
- 13 probable cases

Of the 147 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 81 (72 confirmed, 9 probable) from New Braunfels or the immediate area
- 16 confirmed from north of Canyon Lake
- 14 confirmed from the Bulverde area
- 10 (8 confirmed, 2 probable) from eastern Comal County
- 7 (6 confirmed, 1 probable) from south of Canyon Lake
- 7 (6 confirmed, 1 probable) confirmed from the Spring Branch area
- 3 confirmed from Garden Ridge
- 3 confirmed from central Comal County
- 3 confirmed from southwest Comal County
- 2 confirmed from Fair Oaks Ranch
- 1 confirmed from Schertz

Residents wishing to be tested for COVID-19 can call the county’s dedicated hotline, 830-221-1120, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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