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County confirms 40 new COVID-19 cases, eight more probable

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Friday confirmed 40 new cases of COVID-19 and eight additional probable cases, for an overall total of 346 cases.

Of the 48 newly reported cases, 44 are residents of the New Braunfels area, two are Bulverde/Spring Branch-area residents, one lives in the Schertz area, and one lives south of Canyon Lake. Ages range from under 18 to their 60s.

The county also confirmed nine more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 166. With seven deaths, the county now has 173 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. The county also confirmed three additional hospitalizations, bringing the total to eight.

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

- 4,869 tests conducted
- 280 confirmed cases
- 66 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 7.11%, up from 6.27% on Friday and 4.77% one week ago. It's the highest rate Comal County has seen since April 23.

Of the 346 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 263 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 39 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 17 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 14 from south of Canyon Lake
- 11 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch

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.

Probable case definition

“Probable cases” is a category established by the Texas Department of State Health Services to describe those who do not have a positive PCR test for COVID-19, but meet two of the following three criteria:

- A positive quick-result antigen test
- Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case

A probable case is treated identically to a confirmed case and counts toward the county's positivity rate and total case tally.

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