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County reports 46 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Saturday reported 46 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 for a total of 598.

Of the 46 cases, 35 are confirmed and 11 are probable; 33 are New Braunfels-area residents, 10 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, two live south of Canyon Lake, and one lives in the Garden Ridge area. Ages range from under 1 year old to older than 80.

The Comal County Office of Public Health has also received a report of 42 cases at River Gardens in New Braunfels, 32 of them among residents and 10 among staff. Not all of those cases are reflected in the official counts as some are pending confirmation.

The county also confirmed 24 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 249. With seven deaths, the county now has 342 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. An additional seven cases were hospitalized, bringing that total to 24.

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

- 6,150 tests conducted
- 470 confirmed cases
- 128 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 9.72%, up from 9.20% on Thursday and 7.11% one week ago.

Of the 598 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 439 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 97 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 27 from south of Canyon Lake
- 19 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 14 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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