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County reports 58 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Thursday reported 58 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19, for a total of 836.

Of the 58 new cases, 36 are confirmed and 22 are probable; 40 are New Braunfels-area residents, 11 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, four are from the Garden Ridge area, two live south of Canyon Lake, and one lives north of Canyon Lake.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 12.63%, up from 12.17% on Wednesday and 8.47% one week ago. It's the highest rate the county has recorded since the pandemic began.

The county also confirmed nine more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 284. With eight deaths, the county now has 544 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, with 37 of them hospitalized.

Of the active cases, 167 (roughly 31%) are in their 20s, 82 (15%) are in their 40s, 79 (14.5%) are in their 30s, and 73 (13%) are in their 50s. Of those hospitalized, nine are in their 60s, seven each are in their 50s and 70s, and six are in their 80s; four are under 40. Twenty-nine of the hospitalized cases are New Braunfels residents.

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

- 6,618 tests conducted
- 635 confirmed cases
- 201 probable cases

Of the 836 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 613 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 136 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 42 from south of Canyon Lake

- 23 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 20 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch

The Office of Public Health remains closed to the public for at least one more week after additional members of the staff tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total to four.

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. The hotline will be closed Friday for the Independence Day holiday.

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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