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County reports ninth COVID-19 death, 71 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Friday confirmed its ninth death related to COVID-19 and reported 71 new confirmed and probable cases for a total of 907.

A man in his 80s from the north side of Canyon Lake with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and underlying medical conditions died in the hospital where he had been receiving care, the Office of Public Health confirmed Thursday.

Of the 71 new cases, 55 are confirmed and 16 are probable; 47 are New Braunfels-area residents, 19 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, two live south of Canyon Lake, two are Fair Oaks Ranch residents, and one is from the Garden Ridge area. Twenty-four are younger than 30, 22 are in their 30s or 40s, 13 are in their 50s or 60s, and 12 are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 12.67%, up slightly from 12.63% on Thursday and 9.20% one week ago. It's the highest rate the county has recorded since the pandemic began.

The county also confirmed 17 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 301. With nine deaths, the county now has 597 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, with 36 of them hospitalized.

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

- 7,161 tests conducted
- 690 confirmed cases
- 217 probable cases

Of the 907 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 660 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 155 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 44 from south of Canyon Lake

- 23 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 21 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 4 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. The hotline is 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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