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County reports 82 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Tuesday reported 82 new confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases for a total of 989.

Of the new cases, 60 are confirmed and 22 are probable; 54 are New Braunfels-area residents, 17 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, 10 live south of Canyon Lake, and one lives north of Canyon Lake. Thirty are younger than 30, 24 are in their 30s or 40s, 23 are in their 50s or 60s, and five are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 12.61%, down slightly from 12.67% on Friday and up from 10.28% one week ago.

The county also confirmed 37 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 338. With nine deaths, the county now has 642 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 32 remain hospitalized, a decline of four since Friday.

These numbers reflect a partial accounting of reports that came in over the three-day holiday weekend; the Office of Public Health, which remains short staffed because of exposure to the coronavirus, today will continue working through reports from this weekend and Monday.

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

- 7,845 tests conducted
- 750 confirmed cases
- 239 probable cases

Of the 989 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 714 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 172 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 54 from south of Canyon Lake
- 24 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.

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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