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County confirms three more COVID-19 deaths, reports 103 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed three new deaths related to COVID-19, for a total of 21, while also reporting 103 new cases of the disease, for a total of 1,245.

The deaths were:

- A man in his 90s with underlying health conditions died at Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels on Saturday; his postmortem test was confirmed positive Wednesday.
- A woman in her 90s with underlying health conditions died at Kirkwood Wednesday.
- A man in his 60s who lived at River Gardens died in a New Braunfels hospital Thursday.

Also, Comal County on Wednesday reported 103 new confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases for a total of 1,245.

Of the new cases, 86 are confirmed and 17 are probable; 78 are New Braunfels-area residents, 13 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, eight live south of Canyon Lake, three are from the Garden Ridge area, and one lives north of Canyon Lake. Twenty-nine are younger than 30, 33 are in their 30s or 40s, 32 are in their 50s or 60s, and nine are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 14.75%, up from 14.06% on Thursday and 12.67% one week ago.

The Office of Public Health has received the following COVID-19 case information from long-term residential care facilities in Comal County; these numbers might not be entirely included in the county's overall numbers, as they could include staff members who reside in other counties and test results that have not yet been confirmed:

- River Gardens, New Braunfels: 80 cases (58 residents, 22 staff), 1 death, 2 hospitalized
- The Heights of Bulverde: 57 cases (33 residents, 24 staff), 6 deaths
- Kirkwood Manor, New Braunfels: 35 cases (32 residents, three staff), 3 deaths, 2 hospitalized
- Colonial Manor, New Braunfels: 32 cases (14 residents, 18 staff), 1 hospitalized
- Hope Hospice, New Braunfels: 7 cases, all staff

- Sundance Inn, New Braunfels: 3 cases, all staff
- EdenHill, New Braunfels: 2 cases, both hospice workers
- Legend Oaks, New Braunfels: 1 case, a resident who has died
- Elan Westpointe, New Braunfels: 1 case, staff

To help support local nursing homes battling coronavirus outbreaks, the emergency management offices of Comal County and the City of New Braunfels have established a resource center at New Braunfels City Hall. Long-term residential health care facilities who need personal protective equipment and other resources can call 830-221-4618 to request them.

The county also confirmed 15 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 386. With 21 deaths, the county now has 838 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 44 are hospitalized, an increase of eight from Thursday.

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

- 8,443 tests conducted
- 952 confirmed cases
- 293 probable cases

Of the 1,245 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 901 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 217 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 64 from south of Canyon Lake
- 31 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 27 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 5 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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