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County confirms 22nd COVID-19 death, reports 37 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed a 22nd death related to COVID-19 while also reporting 37 new cases of the disease, for a total of 1,282.

A woman in her 90s from Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels with underlying medical conditions died Friday at the facility.

Of the 37 new cases, 25 are confirmed and 12 are probable; 29 are New Braunfels-area residents, four live north of Canyon Lake, two are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, one lives south of Canyon Lake, and one is from the Garden Ridge area. Seven are younger than 30, 19 are in their 30s or 40s, three are in their 50s or 60s, and eight are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 15.10%, up from 14.75% on Friday 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, 3 hospitalized
- The Heights of Bulverde: 57 cases (33 residents, 24 staff), 6 deaths
- Colonial Manor, New Braunfels: 50 cases (27 residents, 23 staff), 1 hospitalized
- Kirkwood Manor, New Braunfels: 48 cases (32 residents, 16 staff), 4 deaths, 5 hospitalized
- Hope Hospice, New Braunfels: 7 cases (staff)
- Sundance Inn, New Braunfels: 3 cases (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)
- Advanced Home Health Services: 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 72 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 458. With 22 deaths, the county now has 802 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, the first decline in active cases since June 5. Of those, 51 are hospitalized, an increase of seven from Thursday.

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

- 8,443 tests conducted
- 977 confirmed cases
- 305 probable cases

Of the 1,282 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 930 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 219 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 65 from south of Canyon Lake
- 32 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 31 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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