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County reports 46 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 46 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 1,468.

Of the new cases, 40 are confirmed and six are probable; 42 are New Braunfels-area residents, two are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, one lives south of Canyon Lake, and one lives north of Canyon Lake. Eleven are younger than 30, 11 are in their 30s or 40s, 18 are in their 50s or 60s, and six are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate is now 16.28%, up from 16.05% on Wednesday and 14.06% one week ago.

The county also confirmed 17 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 533. With 30 deaths, the county now has 905 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 62 are hospitalized, an increase of seven.

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

- 9,017 tests conducted
- 1,117 confirmed cases
- 351 probable cases

Of the 1,468 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,081 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 233 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 77 from south of Canyon Lake
- 37 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 35 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 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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