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County confirms six new COVID-19 deaths, reports 57 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed six deaths related to COVID-19, bringing the total to 43, and is reporting 57 new cases of the disease for a total of 1,804.

The deaths are:

- A man in his 80s died July 11 at Sodalís Senior Living in New Braunfels; the death was reported Tuesday to the Office of Public Health.
- Two women, one in her 70s and one in her 80s, died Thursday at Colonial Manor in New Braunfels.
- A woman in her 60s died Friday at Colonial Manor.
- A man in his 90s died Friday at Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels.
- A woman in her 70s from Kirkwood Manor died Tuesday in a New Braunfels hospital.

Eleven residents of Kirkwood Manor and six residents of Colonial Manor have died since the COVID-19 pandemic began. The Heights of Bulverde has reported eight deaths, and Sodalís Senior Living, River Gardens and Legend Oaks have reported one death apiece.

Of the newly reported cases, 26 are confirmed and 31 are probable; 38 are New Braunfels-area residents, 12 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, five live south of Canyon Lake, and two are from the Garden Ridge area. Twelve are younger than 30, 20 are in their 30s or 40s, 16 are in their 50s or 60s, and nine are older than 70.

On Wednesday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 53 COVID-19 patients; of those, 18 are in intensive care beds, and eight are on ventilators. Not all of these patients are necessarily county residents; likewise, not all county residents hospitalized with COVID-19 are in Comal County hospitals.

Comal County's positivity rate is now 18.34%, up from 18.08% on Tuesday and 16.05% one week ago.

The county also confirmed 130 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 706. With 43

deaths, the county now has 1,055 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, a decline of 79 from Tuesday. Of those, 74 are hospitalized, an increase of seven.

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

- 9,837 tests conducted
- 1,406 confirmed cases
- 398 probable cases

Of the 1,804 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,346 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 275 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 97 from south of Canyon Lake
- 40 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 39 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 7 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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