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County confirms 44th COVID-19 death, reports 49 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed its 44th death related to COVID-19 and is reporting 49 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 1,880.

A man in his 90s who lived at the Heights of Bulverde died in a San Antonio hospital Wednesday, marking the ninth COVID-19 death of a resident from the facility since the pandemic began.

Of the 49 new cases, 45 are confirmed and four are probable; 41 are New Braunfels-area residents, five are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, two live north of Canyon Lake, and one lives south of Canyon Lake. Fifteen are younger than 30, 19 are in their 30s or 40s, 12 are in their 50s or 60s, and three are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate is now 18.51%, up from 18.32% on Thursday and 17.00% one week ago.

The county also confirmed 58 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 829. With 44 deaths, the county now has 1,007 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, a decline of 10 from Tuesday and the third consecutive day of decline in active cases. Of them, 77 are hospitalized, an increase of one.

On Friday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 45 COVID-19 patients; of those, 19 are in intensive care beds, and 15 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.

Long-term residential care facilities

The county's long-term residential care facilities have reported the following active COVID-19 case information to the Office of Public Health:

- Colonial Manor, New Braunfels: 37 cases (21 residents, 16 staff); 6 deaths

- Heights of Bulverde: 21 cases (16 residents, 5 staff); 1 hospitalized; 9 deaths
- Kirkwood Manor, New Braunfels: 20 cases (16 residents, 4 staff); 5 hospitalized; 11 deaths
- Sodalis Senior Living, New Braunfels: 15 cases (residents); 1 death*
- River Gardens, New Braunfels: 6 cases (3 residents, 3 staff); 1 death
- Memory Care, New Braunfels: 6 cases (staff)
- EdenHill, New Braunfels: 3 cases (staff)
- Gruene Senior Living, New Braunfels: 2 cases (1 resident, 1 staff)
- Elan Westpointe, New Braunfels: 2 cases (1 resident, 1 staff); 1 hospitalized
- Village of Garden Ridge: 2 cases (staff)
- Sodalis Senior Living, Garden Ridge: 1 case (staff)
- Legend Oaks, New Braunfels: 0 active cases, 1 death

** Case numbers from Sodalis Senior Living in New Braunfels may reflect non-county residents because that facility is accepting COVID-19 patients from other Sodalis facilities outside the county. The number of deaths reflects only Comal County residents.*

COVID-19 data

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

- 10,154 tests conducted
- 1,460 confirmed cases
- 420 probable cases

Of the 1,880 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,410 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 284 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 98 from south of Canyon Lake
- 42 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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