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Comal County changes the way COVID-19 data is reported

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County Public Health will change the way data is reported in Comal County beginning on Monday, November 1, 2021.

Prior to November 1st, 2021, all COVID-19 reports were sent from the Department of State Health Services through the Texas Health Trace System as electronic reports.

However, on September 1st, 2021, all funding for Texas Health Trace was suspended by the Texas Legislature and Texas Health Trace will no longer exist after mid-November.

The Department of State Health Services is reverting to the NEDSS system (National Electronic Disease Surveillance System) which has limited reporting capacity.

As a result, Comal County Public Health will no longer have access to all the data that we previously reported.

“Individual cases will no longer be investigated. The focus will shift to investigating hospitalizations, deaths, and defined outbreaks such as outbreaks within nursing homes and long-term care facilities,” said Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser. “We will not be able to access information on active cases, recoveries, regional location, and age category. Missing data also means that we won’t be able to calculate a positivity rate. “

The new dashboard will show the number of new COVID-19 cases per day, total COVID-19 cases, total hospitalized for COVID-19 in county, and total COVID-19 deaths. We will also be adding the percentage of fully vaccinated residents, to show the overall vaccination rate within Comal County.

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