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Bandera County holding steady at 9 active cases, County Park at Medina Lake to remain closed through July 16

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Emergency Operations Director Carey Reed told commissioners yesterday that as of Wednesday at 5 p.m., Bandera County had 10 active cases, 19 recovered and four pending investigation. She said hopefully by the time the pending cases are concluded, some of the active cases would be released, as it's been more than a month since their diagnoses and they have recovered. As of today at 5 p.m., those numbers changed with the Department of State Health Services reporting nine active cases, 24 recoveries and five pending investigation in Bandera County. Pct. 2 Commissioner Bobby Harris said many testing centers will not test for CoViD-19 without symptoms. He said after his daughter was exposed, she was told to quarantine for 14 days, and wait at least eight days before trying to get tested. Because it often takes at least a week to get results back, many people have recovered and passed their quarantine periods before receiving confirmation that they were positive. Reed said some testing centers and clinics will test without symptoms or a referral. She said Innovative Urgent Care in Bandera is testing, however patients must make an appointment and have insurance or pay out of pocket for the visit and test. Reed said the Metro Health mobile testing site at Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio is testing for free. Announcing the County Park would be closed through at least July 16, Harris said since closing on June 29, there have been 10,000 new CoViD-19 cases in San Antonio.

“98 percent of the people coming into the park are from San Antonio,” Harris said. “People are very selfish right now.”

Harris said he cannot open the boat ramps and keep the park closed without a deputy on site, so he’s erring on the side of caution and simplicity by shutting the entire facility down.

“Hopefully the numbers will stop rising,” Harris said. “I hate to use this phrase, but they’re dying to come into the park. They could kill [the park staff], and they could kill me, too.”