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Bandera County Park remains closed, local active CoViD cases total 26

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The Bandera County Park at Medina Lake will remain closed through this weekend. Pct. 2 Commissioners Bobby Harris said he would revisit the number of active cases in San Antonio next week.

“In the last 16 days, there were 100 new deaths and 14,000 new cases in San Antonio,” Harris told the Prophet. “98 percent of the people who come to the park are from San Antonio. That’s why it’s closed.”

Weathering the hostility and volatility of people angered by the park’s closure, or limited capacity when open, Harris said one of his biggest concerns is where commuters stop along their way to the park to buy ice, snacks or other amenities.

“When I invite them into my park, I invite them into my community,” Harris said. “I’m trying to protect the staff and I’m trying to protect the taxpayers of Bandera County.”

Locally, he said Bandera County has not seen the surge in numbers reported by Department of State Health Services, Public Health Region 8, which he said is the only report he uses.

As of today at 5 p.m., the DSHS Region 8 report shows Bandera has 26 active cases, 27 recovered cases and zero deaths.

Emergency Management Coordinator Carey Reed said one case originally included in the tally was removed after she looked up the address and discovered the patient lived in Medina County. Four pending cases from last week moved into the active category after the tests were confirmed positive. Reed said at least two other cases have recovered, however they have not been released.

The DSHS Dashboard shows Bandera County has 20 active cases, however “county estimates do not sum to statewide estimated number of active cases posted on this website, as the statewide total estimates the number recovered for all counties for the current day,” the site states in its disclaimer.