



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms two new COVID-19 deaths, reports 27 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed two more deaths related to COVID-19, and is reporting 27 new cases of the disease for a total of 2,386.

A New Braunfels woman in her 50s died Thursday in a New Braunfels hospital, and a man in his 60s from Colonial Manor in New Braunfels also died on Thursday in a New Braunfels hospital.

Of the 27 new cases, 23 are confirmed and 4 are probable; 24 are New Braunfels-area residents, one is from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, and two live north of Canyon Lake. Five are younger than 30, nine are in their 30s or 40s, 10 are in their 50s or 60s, and three are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 19 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 1,869. With 62 deaths, the county now has 455 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 69 are hospitalized.

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 21 COVID-19 patients; 10 of those 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.

* Correction: Sodalis Elder Care, Garden Ridge is reporting zero active COVID-19 cases.

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

- 15,690 tests conducted
- 1,839 confirmed cases
- 547 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.23%, down slightly from Friday's rate of 15.48% and down from 16.50% one week ago.

Of the 2,386 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown

is:

- 1,821 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 334 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 117 from south of Canyon Lake
- 59 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 47 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 8 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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