



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms nine new COVID-19 deaths, reports 88 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed nine more deaths related to COVID-19, for a total of 71, and is reporting 88 new cases of the disease for a total of 2,474.

The deaths reported to Public Health on Monday are:

- A Canyon Lake woman in her 80s died August 3 in a San Antonio hospital.
- A woman in her 80s and a woman in her 90s who lived at Colonial Manor in New Braunfels both died August 4.
- A New Braunfels woman in her 70s died Thursday in a New Braunfels hospital.
- A woman in her 90s who lived at Sodalis Memory Care in New Braunfels died Thursday.
- A woman in her 80s who lived at Colonial Manor in New Braunfels died Friday.
- A woman in her 80s who lived at Sodalis Memory Care in New Braunfels died Friday.
- A man in his 60s who lived at Sodalis Memory Care in New Braunfels died Saturday.
- A woman in her 80s who lived at Colonial Manor in New Braunfels died Saturday.

Of the 88 new cases, all are confirmed; 67 are New Braunfels-area residents, 12 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, one lives south of Canyon Lake, five live north of Canyon Lake, and three are from the Garden Ridge area. Twenty-one are younger than 30, including an infant under 12 months old; 25 are in their 30s or 40s, 29 are in their 50s or 60s, and 13 are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed eight more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 1,877. With 71 deaths, the county now has 526 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 71 are hospitalized.

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

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

- 16,435 tests conducted
- 1,929 confirmed cases
- 545 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.05%, down slightly from Monday's rate of 15.23%.

Of the 2,474 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,888 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 346 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 118 from south of Canyon Lake
- 64 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 50 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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