



COMAL COUNTY

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County reports 82 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 82 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2,556.

Of the new cases, 64 are confirmed and 18 are probable; 63 are New Braunfels-area residents, eight are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, four live north of Canyon Lake, five live south of Canyon Lake, and two are from the Garden Ridge area. Seventeen are younger than 30, 29 are in their 30s or 40s; 24 are in their 50s or 60s; and 12 are older than 70.

The county also confirmed 150 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,027. With 71 deaths, the county now has 458 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 71 are hospitalized.

On Wednesday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 16 COVID-19 patients; of those, 9 are in intensive care beds, and 8 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 Wednesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 16,551 tests conducted
- 1,993 confirmed cases
- 563 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.44%, up from 15.05% on Tuesday and down from 16.60% one week ago.

Of the 2,556 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,951 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 354 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 123 from south of Canyon Lake

- 68 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 52 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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