



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **County reports one new COVID-19 death, 17 new cases**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, AUGUST 13, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 17 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2,573.

A man in his 70s died Wednesday at Colonial Manor in New Braunfels - the death marks the fourteenth COVID-19 death of a resident from Colonial Manor since the pandemic began.

Of the new cases, 15 are confirmed and 2 are probable; all 17 cases are New Braunfels-area residents. Five are younger than 30, two are in their 30s or 40s; and 10 are older than 70.

The county also confirmed three more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,030. With 72 deaths, the county now has 471 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 74 are hospitalized.

On Thursday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 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:

- 16,610 tests conducted
- 2,008 confirmed cases
- 565 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.49%, up slightly from 15.44% on Wednesday.

Of the 2,573 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,968 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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