



COMAL COUNTY

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County reports 59 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 59 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2,632.

Of the new cases, 54 are confirmed and 5 are probable; 45 are New Braunfels-area residents, six are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, two live north of Canyon Lake, three live south of Canyon Lake, and three are from the Garden Ridge area. Eighteen are younger than 30, 17 are in their 30s or 40s; 18 are in their 50s or 60s; and 6 are older than 70.

The county also confirmed 63 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,093. With 72 deaths, the county now has 467 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 74 are hospitalized.

On Friday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 18 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care beds, and seven 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.

Nursing home reports

Long-term residential care facilities in Comal County have reported the following active cases and new deaths as of Friday:

- Colonial Manor, New Braunfels: 25 cases (3 residents, 22 staff), 6 deaths
- Eden Hill, New Braunfels: 1 case (1 staff)
- Elan Westpointe, New Braunfels: 4 cases (1 resident, 3 staff)
- Kirkwood Manor, New Braunfels: 5 cases (4 residents, 1 staff)
- Legend Oaks, New Braunfels: 4 cases (4 residents) *
- Memory Care of New Braunfels: 2 cases (2 staff)
- Sodalís Elder Care, New Braunfels: 5 cases (4 residents, 1 staff) 3 deaths**
- Sundance Inn, New Braunfels: 2 cases (2 staff)
- Village of Garden Ridge: 8 cases (6 residents, 2 staff)
- Brookdale Senior Living, New Braunfels: 5 cases (4 residents, 1 staff)

**Legend Oaks has begun accepting COVID-19 positive residents from other locations. This number represents cases that were identified prior to admission.*

***Case numbers from Sodalis Senior Living in New Braunfels may reflect non-county residents because that facility is accepting COVID-19 patients from other Sodalis facilities outside the county. The number of deaths reflects only Comal County residents.*

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

- 16,710 tests conducted
- 2,062 confirmed cases
- 570 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.75%, up from 15.49% on Thursday.

Of the 2,632 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 2,013 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 360 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 126 from south of Canyon Lake
- 70 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 55 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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