



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms one new COVID-19 death, reports 14 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed one new death related to COVID-19, for a total of 78, and is reporting 14 new cases of the disease for a total of 2,848.

A woman in her 70s who lived at Kirkwood Manor in New Braunfels died on July 18.

Of the 14 new cases, seven are confirmed and seven are probable; 10 are New Braunfels-area residents, two are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, one lives south of Canyon Lake, and one lives north of Canyon Lake. Six are younger than 30, one is in their 30s or 40s, six are in their 50s or 60s, and one is older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 30 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,259. With 78 deaths, the county now has 511 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 73 are hospitalized.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care beds, and six 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:

- 18,204 tests conducted
- 2,263 confirmed cases
- 585 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.64%, a decrease from Wednesday's rate of 16.27%.

Of the 2,848 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 2,173 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 391 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch

- 133 from south of Canyon Lake
- 78 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 65 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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