



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms one new COVID-19 death, reports 24 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed one new death related to COVID-19, for a total of 81, and is reporting 24 new cases of the disease for a total of 2,889.

A Bulverde woman in her 70s died August 3 in a San Antonio hospital. The death was reported to and confirmed by the Office of Public Health late Monday.

Of the 24 new cases, 18 are confirmed and six are probable; 14 are New Braunfels-area residents, six are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, one lives north of Canyon Lake and three are from the Garden Ridge area. Seven are younger than 30, 10 are in their 30s or 40s, five are in their 50s or 60s, and two are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 65 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,331. With 81 deaths, the county now has 477 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 76 are hospitalized.

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

- 18,628 tests conducted
- 2,293 confirmed cases
- 596 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 15.51%, a down slightly from Monday's rate of 15.59%.

Of the 2,889 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 2,199 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County

- 400 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 134 from south of Canyon Lake
- 80 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 68 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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