



COMAL COUNTY

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County reports 37 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 37 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2,945.

Of the 37 new cases, 31 are confirmed and six are probable; 29 are New Braunfels-area residents, two are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, three live south of Canyon Lake, one lives north of Canyon Lake and two live in the Garden Ridge area. Two are younger than 20, four are in their 20s, four are in their 30s or 40s, 14 are in their 50s or 60s, and 13 are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 83 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,423. With 85 deaths, the county now has 437 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 57 are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 11 COVID-19 patients; of those, seven 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.

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: 2 cases (2 staff) 4 deaths
- Eden Hill, New Braunfels: 1 case (1 staff)
- Elan Westpointe, New Braunfels: 6 case (6 staff)
- Kirkwood Manor, New Braunfels: 2 cases (2 staff)
- Legend Oaks, New Braunfels: 6 cases (4 residents, 2 staff) *
- Memory Care of New Braunfels: 1 case (1 staff)

*Legend Oaks has begun accepting COVID-19 positive residents. This number represents cases

that were identified prior to admission.

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

- 19,804 tests conducted
- 2,339 confirmed cases
- 606 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate is now 14.87%, a slight increase from Thursday's rate of 14.75%.

Of the 2,945 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 2,243 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 403 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 137 from south of Canyon Lake
- 82 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 72 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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