



COMAL COUNTY

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County reports 19 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 19 new cases COVID-19 for a total of 3,024. There are no new deaths confirmed today.

Of the 19 new cases, 13 are confirmed and 6 are probable;

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	14
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	1

Two are in their 20s, five are in their 30s or 40s, five are in their 50s or 60s, and 6 are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 74 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,551. The county now has 386 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 56 are hospitalized.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 11 COVID-19 patients; of those, four are in intensive care beds, and two 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 Wednesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 20,806 tests conducted
- 2,395 confirmed cases
- 629 probable cases

Instead of using a total positivity rate that dates back to March, Public Health has developed a rolling seven day positivity rate that reflects the pandemic numbers in a more timely fashion. This is the same metric used by the State of Texas so it gives a better indication of Comal County's numbers compared to the rest of the state.

The seven day positivity rate for Wednesday is 8.526%.

Of the 3,024 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

Location:	Number of cases total:
New Braunfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.)	2,305
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	410
South of Canyon Lake	141
North of Canyon Lake	84
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	75
Fair Oaks Ranch	9

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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