



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 26 new COVID-19 cases; 24 additional deaths are added to data**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, September 3, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 26 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 3,050. There are also 24 deaths confirmed today, bringing the total number of deceased to 111.

“We don’t want people to be alarmed about the spike in the number of deaths. We did not have 24 deaths from yesterday to today,” said Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser.

“After closely reviewing the state database of death records, we found 24 deaths that happened between April and August that were not reported. We are correcting our numbers to be as accurate as possible and show true data for Comal County.”

Of the 26 new cases, 25 are confirmed and 1 is probable;

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	19
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	0

Two are in their 20s, five are in their 30s or 40s, five are in their 50s or 60s, and 14 are older than 70.

Comal County also confirmed 98 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,649. The county now has 290 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 39 are hospitalized.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, four are in intensive care beds, and three 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:

- 20,849 tests conducted
- 2,420 confirmed cases
- 630 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 Thursday is 16.27%.

Of the 3,050 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.)	2,324
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	413
South of Canyon Lake	143
North of Canyon Lake	85
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	76
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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