



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 21 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 21 new cases COVID-19 for a total of 3,071. There are no new deaths confirmed today. Total number of deceased stands at 111.

Of the 21 new cases, 20 are confirmed and 1 is probable;

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	20
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age range	Number of new cases:
Younger than 20	3
20's	2
30's/40's	2
50's / 60's	7
Older than 70	7

Comal County also confirmed 23 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 2,672. The county now has 288 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 40 are hospitalized.

“As we go into another holiday weekend, we need to be mindful of the lessons learned from the Memorial Day and the July 4th holidays where we had a big jump in the number positive cases,” said Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser. “The CDC recommendations of social distancing, wearing a face covering, good hand hygiene and staying home when you are sick are a vital part of protecting yourself and others.”

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, three 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 Friday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 21,152 tests conducted
- 2,440 confirmed cases
- 631 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 Friday is 11.19%.

Of the 3,071 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.)	2,344
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	413
South of Canyon Lake	144
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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