



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County confirms 34 new COVID-19 cases

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, September 16, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 34 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 3,260.

Of the 34 new cases, 25 are confirmed and nine are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 115.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	22
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	7
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	9
20's	12
30's / 40's	6
50's / 60's	4
70 and older	3

There were another 45 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County. The total recovered is 2,841.

The county now has 304 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of them, 18 are hospitalized.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for eight COVID-19 patients; of those, one is in intensive care and one is on a ventilator. 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:

- 23, 453 tests conducted
- 2,584 confirmed cases
- 676 probable cases

The seven day positivity rate for Wednesday is 6.76%.

Of the 3,260 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.)	2,467
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	447
South of Canyon Lake	149
North of Canyon Lake	89
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	98
Fair Oaks Ranch	10

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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