



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms another death and 10 new COVID-19 cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, September 18, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 10 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 3,280.

Of the 10 new cases, seven are confirmed and three are probable.

The County also confirms another death. A man in his 30's from New Braunfels passed away at home. The total number of deceased is now 116.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	5
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	2
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	0
20's	0
30's / 40's	6
50's / 60's	4
70 and older	0

There was one additional COVID-19 recovery in Comal County. The total recovered is 2,843.

The county now has 321 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of them, 18 are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 10 COVID-19 patients; of those, two are in intensive care 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:

- 23, 849 tests conducted
- 2,600 confirmed cases
- 680 probable cases

The seven day positivity rate for Friday is 5.02%.

Of the 3,280 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.)	2,477
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	450
South of Canyon Lake	154
North of Canyon Lake	90
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	99
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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