



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County confirms five new COVID-19 cases; Active cases drop below 100

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 8, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting five additional COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,534.

All five cases are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 116.

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

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	0
20's	0
30's / 40's	3
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	0

There are an additional 11 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County. The total recovered is 3,323. The county now has 95 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, nine are hospitalized.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for five COVID-19 patients; of those, two are 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 Thursday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 26,014 tests conducted
- 2,766 confirmed cases
- 768 probable cases

**The seven day positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 6.88%.  
The State of Texas is reporting 8.08% positivity rate today.**

Of the 3,534 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.)	2,646
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	497
South of Canyon Lake	167
North of Canyon Lake	104
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	108
Fair Oaks Ranch	12

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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