



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County confirms 13 new COVID-19 cases; 14 backlogged cases added to county data

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 13, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 27 additional COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,595.

Of the 27 reported cases, 13 are new. 14 are backlogged cases. The backlogged cases were just received from the State of Texas. Cases that are backlogged are usually residents from Comal County who were COVID-19 tested in another county or state.

Of the 13 new cases, eight are confirmed and 5 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 120.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	16
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	2
20's	11
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	7
70 and older	3

There are an additional 30 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County. The total recovered is 3,371. The county now has 104 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, four are hospitalized.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 11 COVID-19 patients; of those, three 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 Tuesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 26,703 tests conducted
- 2,793 confirmed cases
- 802 probable cases

**The seven day positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 7.03%.**

Of the 3,595 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.)	2,681
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	510
South of Canyon Lake	171
North of Canyon Lake	109
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	112
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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