COMAL COUNTY
PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms six new COVID-19 cases; 13 backlogged cases added to county data.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 15, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 19 additional COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,626.
Of the 19 new cases, six are new cases. The other 13 are backlogged cases being added to the county database.
Of the six new cases, four are confirmed and two are probable.
The total number of deceased remains at 120.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	11
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	0
20's	2
30's / 40's	5
50's / 60's	8
70 and older	4

There are an additional 20 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.
The total recovered is 3,405.
The county now has 101 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for six 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:
- 26,898 tests conducted
- 2,817 confirmed cases
- 809 probable cases

The seven day positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 6.31%.
The positivity rate for the State of Texas is 7.52%.

Of the 3,626 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.)	2,700
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	514
South of Canyon Lake	174
North of Canyon Lake	113
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	113
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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