COMAL COUNTY
PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms 10 new COVID-19 cases; 6 more backlogged cases added to county data.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 16, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 16 additional COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,642.

Of the 16 cases, 10 are new cases. The other six are backlogged cases being added to the county database.

Of the 10 new cases, one is confirmed and nine are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 120.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	10
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	7
20's	3
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	0

There are an additional 10 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,415.

The county now has 107 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, six are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine 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 Friday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:
- 27,167 tests conducted
- 2,822 confirmed cases
- 820 probable cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 5.70%.
The positivity rate for the State of Texas is 7.69%.

Of the 3,642 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.)	2,710
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	520
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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