



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms 17 new COVID-19 cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 20, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 17 new COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,659.

Of the 17 new cases, one is confirmed and 16 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 120.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	7
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	6
20's	2
30's / 40's	1
50's / 60's	6
70 and older	2

There are an additional 22 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,437.

The county now has 102 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, six are hospitalized.

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

- 27,389 tests conducted
- 2,823 confirmed cases
- 836 probable cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 6.70%.

Of the 3,659 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.)	2,717
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	526
South of Canyon Lake	176
North of Canyon Lake	114
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	114
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 to schedule an appointment. Testing is only done on Tuesday and Friday and you must have an appointment.

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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