



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms 18 new COVID-19 cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 21, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 18 new COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,677.

Of the 18 new cases, 11 are confirmed and 7 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 120.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
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| New Braunfels | 9 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 3 |
| 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 | 5 |
| 20's | 3 |
| 30's / 40's | 4 |
| 50's / 60's | 4 |
| 70 and older | 2 |

There are an additional 11 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,448.

The county now has 109 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, six are hospitalized.

On Wednesday, 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 Wednesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 27,808 tests conducted
- 2,834 confirmed cases
- 843 probable cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 5.57%.

Of the 3,677 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

| Location: | Number of cases total: |
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| New Braunfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.) | 2,726 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 532 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 176 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 117 |
| 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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