



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County confirms 15 new COVID-19 cases; adds one backlogged case to data

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, October 22, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 16 additional COVID-19 cases today bringing the County's total to 3,693. 15 are new cases and one is a backlogged case being added to the County's data.

Of the 16 cases, four are confirmed and 12 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 120.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	5
N of Canyon Lake	3
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	5 (includes one infant under 12 months)
20's	3
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	4
70 and older	0

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

The total recovered is 3,454.

The county now has 119 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, six are hospitalized.

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

- 27,849 tests conducted
- 2,838 confirmed cases
- 855 probable cases

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

Of the 3,693 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.)	2,731
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	538
South of Canyon Lake	178
North of Canyon Lake	120
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.