



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County reports 20 COVID-19 Cases

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 4, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports an additional 20 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 3,845.

19 of the cases are new; one backlogged case is being added to County data.

17 cases are probable, and two are confirmed.

The first suspect case has also been reported; a New Braunfels woman in her 50's tested positive on an antibody test.

The County also confirms the death of a New Braunfels man in his 80's who passed away in a New Braunfels hospital. The total number of deceased is now 121.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	16
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	1
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	1
20's	1
30's / 40's	6
50's / 60's	9
70 and older	3

There are an additional 14 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,591.

The County now has 132 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, four are hospitalized.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for eight COVID-19 patients; of those, three 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:

- 29,495 tests conducted
- 2,906 confirmed cases
- 938 probable cases
- One suspect case

**The seven-day positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.83%.**

**The seven-day positivity rate for the State of Texas is 10.25%.**

Of the 3,845 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.)	2,826
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	561
South of Canyon Lake	192
North of Canyon Lake	131
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	123
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 case” 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:

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for SARS-CoV-2.
- Meets presumptive\* laboratory evidence.
  - Presumptive\* laboratory evidence:
    - Detection of SARS-CoV-2 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen
- Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory evidence for SARS-CoV-2.

A probable case is treated identically to a confirmed case and counts toward the County’s positivity rate and total case tally.

### **Suspect case definition**

A “Suspect case” meets supportive laboratory evidence with no prior history of being a confirmed or probable case. It is also counted towards the total case tally.

### **Supportive Laboratory Evidence means:**

- **Detection of specific antibody in serum, plasma, or whole blood**
- **Detection of specific antigen by immunocytochemistry in an autopsy specimen**

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