



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 36 COVID-19 Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 5, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 36 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 3,881.

23 of the cases are new; 12 are backlogged cases being added to County data; one is a suspect case.

29 cases are probable, and six are confirmed.

The total number of deceased is 121.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	21
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	9
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	3
30's / 40's	12
50's / 60's	11
70 and older	7

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

The total recovered is 3,598.

The County now has 162 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, four are hospitalized.

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

- 29,816 tests conducted
- 2,912 confirmed cases
- 967 probable cases
- Two suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 8.75%.

The seven-day positivity rate for the State of Texas is 10.75%.

Of the 3,881 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.)	2,847
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	570
South of Canyon Lake	193
North of Canyon Lake	133
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	126
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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