



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 64 new COVID-19 Cases; adds 21 backlogged cases to County data

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 13, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 85 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,093.

64 are new cases. 21 are backlogged cases being added to the County data.

Of the 64 new cases, 24 are confirmed and 40 are probable.

The total number of deceased is 124.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	50
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	6
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	16
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	23 (one infant under 12 months)
20's	8
30's / 40's	32
50's / 60's	19
70 and older	3

There are an additional 42 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,703.

The County now has 266 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, seven are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 COVID-19 patients; of those, five are in intensive care, and two are on ventilators. 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 Friday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 31,517 tests conducted
- 2,994 confirmed cases
- 1,096 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 10.20%.

The seven-day positivity rate for Thursday in the State of Texas is 12.73 %.

Of the 4,093 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.)	2,983
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	596
South of Canyon Lake	204
North of Canyon Lake	145
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	135
Fair Oaks Ranch	14

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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