



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 67 new COVID-19 Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 17, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 67 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,201.

Of the 67 new cases, 27 are confirmed and 40 are probable.

The total number of deceased is 124.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 36 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 1 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 9 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 0 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 21 |
| Fair Oaks | 0 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 13 |
| 20's | 9 |
| 30's / 40's | 23 |
| 50's / 60's | 17 |
| 70 and older | 5 |

There are an additional 31 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,751.

The County now has 326 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, seven are hospitalized.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 18 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care, and four 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 Tuesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 32,152 tests conducted
- 3,027 confirmed cases
- 1,171 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 12.41%.

Of the 4,201 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.) | 3,054 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 636 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 215 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 147 |
| 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**

#####