



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 42 new COVID-19 Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 18, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 42 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,243.

Of the 42 new cases, 29 are confirmed and 13 are probable.

The total number of deceased is 124.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	37
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	7
20's	7
30's / 40's	12
50's / 60's	8
70 and older	8

There are an additional 22 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,773.

The County now has 346 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, nine are hospitalized.

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

- 32,301 tests conducted
- 3,056 confirmed cases
- 1,184 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 14.78%.

Of the 4,243 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.)	3,091
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	636
South of Canyon Lake	218
North of Canyon Lake	148
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	136
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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