



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 45 new COVID-19 Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 19, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 45 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,288.

Of the 45 new cases, 23 are confirmed and 22 are probable.

The County also confirms the death of a 90 year old New Braunfels man who passed away on November 17, 2020 in a New Braunfels hospital.

The total number of deceased is 125.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	29
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	5
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	3
30's / 40's	14
50's / 60's	19
70 and older	6

There are an additional 18 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,791.

The County now has 372 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, ten are hospitalized.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 18 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care, and six 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 Thursday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 33,677 tests conducted
- 3,079 confirmed cases
- 1,206 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 10.73 %.

Of the 4,288 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.)	3,120
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	642
South of Canyon Lake	223
North of Canyon Lake	150
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	139
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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