



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 50 new COVID-19 Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 20, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 50 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,338.

Of the 50 new cases, 31 are confirmed and 19 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains 125.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	32
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	13
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	12
30's / 40's	13
50's / 60's	16
70 and older	6

There are an additional 24 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,815.

The County now has 398 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 13 are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 21 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care, and three 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:

- 34,258 tests conducted
- 3,110 confirmed cases
- 1,225 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 10.00 %.

Of the 4,338 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.)	3,152
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	655
South of Canyon Lake	224
North of Canyon Lake	151
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	142
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. **Next week, testing will only be done on Tuesday, November 24 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. You must have an appointment to be tested.**

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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