



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County reports 20 new COVID-19 Cases

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 23, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports an additional 20 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,358.

Of the 20 new cases, 15 are confirmed and five are probable.

The total number of deceased remains 125.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	13
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	0
20's	3
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	10
70 and older	3

There are an additional 17 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,832.

The County now has 401 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 14 are hospitalized.

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 29 COVID-19 patients; of those, nine are in intensive care, and seven 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 Monday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 34,648 tests conducted
- 3,125 confirmed cases
- 1,230 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

**The seven-day positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 9.16 %.**

Of the 4,358 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.)	3,165
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	658
South of Canyon Lake	226
North of Canyon Lake	153
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. **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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