



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County reports 60 more COVID-19 Cases; active case number now at 403

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 24, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports an additional 60 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,418.

59 are new cases and one is a backlogged case added to County data.

25 cases are confirmed and 35 cases are probable.

Comal County also confirms two more deaths.

A New Braunfels man in his 70's passed away in a New Braunfels hospital on 11-23-20.

A New Braunfels man in his 80's passed away on 11-15-20.

The total number of deceased is now 127.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	50
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	7
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	5
20's	7
30's / 40's	16
50's / 60's	15
70 and older	17

There are an additional 56 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 3,888.

The County now has 403 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 16 are hospitalized.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 29 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 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 Tuesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 34,706 tests conducted
- 3,150 confirmed cases
- 1,265 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

**The seven-day positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.63 %.**

**The seven-day positivity rate for the State of Texas is now 12.38%.**

Of the 4,418 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.)	3,215
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	665
South of Canyon Lake	227
North of Canyon Lake	154
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	143
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.

**Public Health will not be testing this Friday, November 27 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday schedule.**

**Testing resumes on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. 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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