



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County reports 41 more COVID-19 Cases; Active case number now at 482

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, November 27, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports an additional 41 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,508.

18 cases are confirmed and 23 cases are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 128.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	30
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	8
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	1
20's	12
30's / 40's	16
50's / 60's	10
70 and older	2

There are no additional COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County today.

The total recovered is 3,898.

The County now has 482 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 16 are hospitalized.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 28 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight 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 Friday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 35,042 tests conducted
- 3,203 confirmed cases
- 1,302 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

**The seven-day positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 10.67 %.**

Of the 4,508 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.)	3,276
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	684
South of Canyon Lake	234
North of Canyon Lake	155
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	144
Fair Oaks Ranch	15

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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