



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 81 new COVID-19 Cases; adds 6 backlogged cases to County data. Active cases now at 561

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 1, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 87 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,595.

81 are new cases. Six are backlogged cases being added to the County data.

Of the new cases, 21 are confirmed and 60 are probable. All six backlogged cases were probable.

Comal County also confirms the deaths of two New Braunfels residents: A woman in her in 80s who died on 11/25 and a man in his 80s who died on 11/25.

The total number of deceased is 130.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	64
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	4
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	14
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8
20's	9
30's / 40's	31
50's / 60's	22
70 and older	17

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

The total recovered is 3,904.

The County now has 561 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 16 are hospitalized.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 42 COVID-19 patients; of those, 11 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 Tuesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 35,637 tests conducted
- 3,224 confirmed cases
- 1,368 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 10.47%.

The seven-day positivity rate for the State of Texas is 11.72 %.

Of the 4,595 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, 340
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	698
South of Canyon Lake	238
North of Canyon Lake	156
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	147
Fair Oaks Ranch	16

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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