



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 68 new COVID-19 Cases; adds 30 backlogged cases to County data. 242 recoveries recorded today

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 2, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 98 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,693.

68 are new cases. 30 are backlogged cases being added to the County data.

27 are confirmed cases and 71 are probable.

The total number of deceased remains at 130.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	61
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	9
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	21
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	22
20's	11
30's / 40's	29
50's / 60's	30
70 and older	6

There are an additional 242 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 4,117.

The County now has 417 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 18 are hospitalized.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 37 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care, and five 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 Wednesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 36,396 tests conducted
- 3,251 confirmed cases
- 1,439 probable cases
- Three suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 13.84%.

Of the 4,693 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.)	3,401
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	719
South of Canyon Lake	247
North of Canyon Lake	161
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	149
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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