



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

### Comal County reports 92 new COVID-19 Cases; One suspect case. 470 active cases

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 3, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports an additional 93 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,786.

67 are confirmed cases, 25 are probable cases and one is a suspect case.

The County also confirms another death. A New Braunfels woman in her 70's passed away on November 12.

The total number of deceased is now 131.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	60
N of Canyon Lake	8
S of Canyon Lake	5
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	20
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	10
20's	18
30's / 40's	34
50's / 60's	24
70 and older	7

There are an additional 68 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 4,185

The County now has 470 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 31 are hospitalized.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 34 COVID-19 patients; of those, seven 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 Thursday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 37,042 tests conducted
- 3,318 confirmed cases
- 1,464 probable cases
- Four suspect cases

**The seven-day positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 14.79%.**

Of the 4,786 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.)	3,461
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	739
South of Canyon Lake	252
North of Canyon Lake	169
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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