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Comal County reports 52 additional COVID-19 cases; 590 active cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 7, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 52 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 4,984.

36 are confirmed cases. 17 are probable cases.

The County now has 590 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 36 are hospitalized.

The County also confirms another death. A New Braunfels woman in her 90's passed away on December 1, 2020. The total number of deceased is now 132.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	34
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	5
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	7
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8
20's	14
30's / 40's	18
50's / 60's	6
70 and older	6

There are an additional 29 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.
The total recovered is 4,262.

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 43 COVID-19 patients; of those, eleven 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 Monday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 37,402 tests conducted
- 3,466 confirmed cases
- 1,514 probable cases
- Four suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 20.50%.

The State of Texas positivity rate is 14.03%.

Of the 4,984 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, 586
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	777
South of Canyon Lake	265
North of Canyon Lake	177
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	159
Fair Oaks Ranch	20

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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