



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 59 additional COVID-19 cases; Active cases now at 770

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 14, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 59 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 5,331. 58 are new cases and one is a backlogged case being added to County data. 45 are confirmed cases and 14 are probable cases.

The County now has 770 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 38 are hospitalized.

The total number of deceased remains at 136.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
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| New Braunfels | 31 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 10 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 6 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 4 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 8 |
| Fair Oaks | 0 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 5 |
| 20's | 7 |
| 30's / 40's | 20 |
| 50's / 60's | 19 |
| 70 and older | 8 |

There are an additional 14 COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County.

The total recovered is 4,425.

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 58 COVID-19 patients; of those, 19 are in intensive care, and seven 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:

- 38,858 tests conducted
- 3,645 confirmed cases
- 1,681 probable cases
- Five suspect cases

The seven-day positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 29.58%.

Of the 5,331 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

| Location: | Number of cases total: |
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| New Braunfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.) | 3,834 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 812 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 286 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 204 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 174 |
| Fair Oaks Ranch | 21 |

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.

Comal County’s Public Health Department reminds every one of the importance of following CDC guidelines of wearing a face covering, social distancing, staying home when you are sick and hand hygiene.

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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