



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County confirms 11 deaths and 113 new COVID-19 cases; Active Cases now at 899

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 29, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 113 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 6,122 cases.

18 are confirmed cases and 95 are probable.

The County also confirms the deaths of eleven Comal County residents over a four day period.

- A New Braunfels woman in her 30s on 12/22
- A New Braunfels man in his 70s on 12/25
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- A New Braunfels man in his 80s on 12/26
- A New Braunfels woman in her 70s on 12/27
- A New Braunfels man in his 80s on 12/27
- A Spring Branch man in his 70s on 12/9
- A New Braunfels man in his 70s on 12/4
- A Canyon Lake woman in her 70s on 11/25

We keep the families and friends of all of these residents in our thoughts and prayers.

The County now has 899 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.
Of those, 58 are hospitalized.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	75
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	21
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	14 (one infant under 12 months)
20's	17
30's / 40's	37
50's / 60's	37
70 and older	8

There are no additional COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County. The total recovered is 5,066.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 80 COVID-19 patients; of those, 19 are in intensive care and 13 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:

- 42,530 tests conducted
- 3,878 confirmed cases
- 2,235 probable cases
- Nine suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 24.39%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 19.31%.

Of the 6,122 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.)	4,433
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	907
South of Canyon Lake	338
North of Canyon Lake	237
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	184
Fair Oaks Ranch	23

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.

There is no testing this Friday, January 1, 2021 due to the New Year holiday.

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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