



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Comal County reports 79 more COVID-19 Cases; Active case number now at 796

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 24, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports an additional 79 COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County's total to 6,009.

Six cases are confirmed and 73 cases are probable.

Comal County now has 796 active cases; of those 59 are hospitalized.

The total number of deceased remains at 146.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	71
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	7
20's	11
30's / 40's	29
50's / 60's	24
70 and older	8

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

The total recovered is 5,067.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 67 COVID-19 patients; of those, 15 are in intensive care, and 11 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:

- 41,399 tests conducted
- 3,860 confirmed cases
- 2,140 probable cases
- Nine suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 40.46 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 22.43 %.

Of the 6,009 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.)	4,366
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	886
South of Canyon Lake	330
North of Canyon Lake	231
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	182
Fair Oaks Ranch	22

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.

Public Health will not be testing this Friday, December 25 due to the Christmas Holiday schedule.

Testing resumes on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. You must have an appointment to be tested.

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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