



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **COVID-19 update: County confirms three new cases, hosts antibody testing**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, MAY 1, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County on Thursday confirmed three new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 58.

The cases are from New Braunfels, Bulverde and eastern Comal County; they are in their 20s, 50s and 60s. Two of them are hospitalized, and one is self-isolating at home.

In addition, the county confirmed the recovery of three patients, including one who had been hospitalized, bringing the total to 39. With six deaths, the county has 13 active cases, of which four are hospitalized with the rest isolating at home.

#### **Antibody testing**

The Comal County Office of Public Health has partnered with Clinical Pathology Laboratories (CPL) to conduct COVID-19 antibody testing by appointment.

The antibody test can determine whether a currently healthy person had contracted coronavirus in the past and now has the antibodies that usually confer immunity from a disease, although research into coronavirus immunity remains ongoing.

“This is a win-win partnership between the county and CPL,” said Cheryl Fraser, the county’s director of public health. “CPL can use our facilities to do the testing, and in return the county gets additional data about the spread of COVID-19 in our community.”

Residents can make an appointment for antibody testing by calling the Office of Public Health at 830-221-1150.

Testing for active cases of COVID-19 at a New Braunfels drive-through site run by local physicians in coordination with Comal County and the City of New Braunfels continues to be scheduled by calling 830-312-7980 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If

patients do not have a doctor, they will be assigned one to follow up with them after the test.

### **COVID-19 numbers**

As of Friday morning, the Comal County Office of Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 827 tests conducted
- 58 positive tests
- 719 negative tests
- 50 results still pending

Of the 58 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 22 from New Braunfels or the immediate area
- 11 from the Bulverde area
- 6 from eastern Comal County
- 5 from north of Canyon Lake
- 3 from south of Canyon Lake
- 3 from Garden Ridge
- 3 from the Spring Branch area
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch
- 2 from southwest Comal County
- 1 from central Comal County

Information about COVID-19, as well as coronavirus-related county office closures and restrictions, is available at [www.comalcountytexas.com/covid19](http://www.comalcountytexas.com/covid19).

Residents with questions or concerns about the novel coronavirus can call the county's dedicated COVID-19 hotline, 830-221-1120, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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