



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms four COVID-19 cases, 94 total

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Thursday confirmed four new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 94.

Three of the cases are New Braunfels residents – two residents in their 50s who are home-isolating and one in their 80s who is hospitalized in New Braunfels – and the fourth is a Spring Branch-area resident in their 40s who is home-isolating.

With seven deaths and 67 recoveries, the county now has 20 active COVID-19 cases, six of them now hospitalized after a previously confirmed home-isolated patient was admitted to the hospital.

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

- 2,964 tests conducted
- 94 positive tests
- 2,771 negative tests
- 94 results still pending

These numbers include 1,465 nursing home tests taken last week, of which 1,433 were negative and one was positive, with the rest pending.

With the influx of nursing home tests, Comal County's COVID-19 positivity rate – the percentage of tests confirmed to be positive – has dropped by almost half, from 5.4 percent to 2.9 percent, in the past week.

As of last week, 42 percent of Comal County's cases were confirmed to be travel-related, 30 percent were the result of community transmission, and 28 percent were from close, usually household contact with someone who had already tested positive. Investigations continue into the cases confirmed this week.

Among those cases presenting symptoms, a majority included coughing and fever, with significant numbers also reporting muscle aches, headache, chills, shortness of breath or sore throat. Less commonly reported symptoms included loss of taste and smell, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, abdominal pain, or weakness.

Of the 94 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 40 from New Braunfels or the immediate area
- 15 from north of Canyon Lake
- 13 from the Bulverde area
- 7 from eastern Comal County
- 5 from the Spring Branch area
- 4 from south of Canyon Lake
- 3 from Garden Ridge
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch
- 2 from southwest Comal County
- 2 from central Comal County
- 1 from Schertz

Information about COVID-19, as well as a list of county office reopenings and numbers to call for testing, is available at 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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