



# COMAL COUNTY

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **County confirms 21 new COVID-19 cases, 298 total**

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County on Thursday confirmed 21 new cases of COVID-19, for an overall total of 298 cases. No additional probable cases were reported.

Of the 21 newly reported cases, 16 are residents of the New Braunfels area, and five are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area. Ages range from under 18 to their 50s.

The county also confirmed six more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 157. With seven deaths, the county now has 134 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, five of them hospitalized.

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

- 4,756 tests conducted
- 240 confirmed cases
- 58 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 6.27%, up from 5.90% on Thursday and 4.47% one week ago. It's the first time the rate has been over 6% since May 15. Without hundreds of nursing home tests taken last month, all of which were negative, the county's positivity rate would be 8.97%, its highest since April 10.

Of the 298 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 219 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 37 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 17 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 13 from south of Canyon Lake
- 10 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 2 from Fair Oaks Ranch

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.

### **Probable case definition**

“Probable cases” 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:

- A positive quick-result antigen test
- Experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 case

A probable case is treated identically to a confirmed case and counts toward the county's positivity rate and total case tally.

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