



COMAL COUNTY

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County reports 33 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County on Thursday reported 33 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 for a total of 504.

Of the 33 cases, 21 are confirmed and 12 are probable; 24 are New Braunfels-area residents, eight are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, and one lives south of Canyon Lake. Ages continue to skew toward younger populations, with those under 40 making up a majority of new cases.

The county also confirmed six more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 203. With seven deaths, the county now has 294 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. The county also confirmed one additional hospitalization, bringing the total to 18, up from two as recently as June 9.

The Office of Public Health also is working to support The Heights of Bulverde, which has reported 22 COVID-19 cases, 11 among residents and 12 among staff. An additional cluster of at least three cases has been identified at River Gardens in New Braunfels.

“Between the rise in hospitalizations and the increase in cases among at-risk and closed communities, Comal County is facing a new challenge from COVID-19,” said Cheryl Fraser, director of public health. “To avoid overtaxing our health care system and endangering the most vulnerable members of our community, it’s imperative that we all work together to limit the spread of coronavirus by social distancing, wearing face coverings in public, and frequently washing hands or using hand sanitizer.”

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

- 5,947 tests conducted
- 395 confirmed cases
- 109 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 8.47%, down from 8.65% on Wednesday and up from 5.90% one week ago.

Of the 504 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 368 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 81 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 22 from south of Canyon Lake
- 18 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 13 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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