



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **County reports 48 new COVID-19 cases**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, JUNE 26, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County on Friday reported 48 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 for a total of 552.

Of the 48 cases, 40 are confirmed and eight are probable; 38 are New Braunfels-area residents, six are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, three live south of Canyon Lake, and one lives north of Canyon Lake. Residents in their 20s and 30s make up a large percentage of new cases.

The county also confirmed 22 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 225. With seven deaths, the county now has 320 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases, 17 of them hospitalized after one patient was discharged Thursday.

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

- 6,000 tests conducted
- 435 confirmed cases
- 117 probable cases

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 9.20%, up from 8.47% on Thursday and 6.27% one week ago. It's the highest positivity rate in the county since April 10.

Of the 552 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 406 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 87 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 25 from south of Canyon Lake
- 19 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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