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## County reports 67 new COVID-19 cases

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*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 67 new cases of COVID-19, for a total of 1,349.

Of the new cases, 40 are confirmed and 27 are probable; 53 are New Braunfels-area residents, two live north of Canyon Lake, seven live south of Canyon Lake, five are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, and one is from the Garden Ridge area. Thirty-three are younger than 30, including an infant younger than 1; 19 are in their 30s or 40s, 11 are in their 50s or 60s, and four are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 15.44%, up from 15.10% on Saturday and 12.61% one week ago.

The county also confirmed 19 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 477. With 29 deaths, the county now has 843 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 49 are hospitalized, a decline of three.

As of Saturday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 8.739 tests conducted
- 1.017 confirmed cases
- 332 probable cases

Of the 1,349 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 983 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 224 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 72 from south of Canyon Lake
- 33 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 32 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 5 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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