



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms 80 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed 80 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 1,747.

Of the new cases, all of which are confirmed and none probable, 63 are New Braunfels-area residents, 10 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, five live south of Canyon Lake, and two are from Fair Oaks Ranch. Seventeen are younger than 30, 37 are in their 30s or 40s, 19 are in their 50s or 60s, and seven are older than 70.

On Tuesday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 57 COVID-19 patients; of those, 18 are in intensive care beds, and nine are on ventilators. Not all of these patients are necessarily county residents; likewise, not all county residents hospitalized with COVID-19 are in Comal County hospitals.

Comal County's positivity rate is now 18.08%, up from 17.68% on Saturday and 15.44% one week ago.

The county also confirmed seven more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 576. With 37 deaths, the county now has 1,134 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 67 are hospitalized, an increase of four from Saturday.

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

- 9,664 tests conducted
- 1,380 confirmed cases
- 367 probable cases

Of the 1,747 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,308 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 263 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 92 from south of Canyon Lake

- 40 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 37 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 7 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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