



# COMAL COUNTY

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### **County confirms 45th COVID-19 death, reports 88 new cases**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, JULY 25, 2020:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County has confirmed its 45th death related to COVID-19 and is reporting 88 new cases of the disease for a total of 1,968.

A New Braunfels man in his 70s with underlying medical conditions died Friday in a New Braunfels hospital.

Of the 88 new cases, 79 are confirmed and nine are probable; 64 are New Braunfels-area residents, 16 are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, five live south of Canyon Lake, two live north of Canyon Lake, and one is from the Garden Ridge area. Thirty-three are younger than 30, 29 are in their 30s or 40s, 17 are in their 50s or 60s, and nine are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate is now 19.04%, up from 18.51% on Friday and 17.68% one week ago.

The county also confirmed one more recovery from COVID-19, for a total of 830. With 45 deaths, the county now has 1,093 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of them, 78 are hospitalized, an increase of one.

On Saturday morning, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 45 COVID-19 patients; of those, 18 are in intensive care beds, and 15 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.

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

- 10,336 tests conducted
- 1,539 confirmed cases
- 429 probable cases

Of the 1,968 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,474 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 300 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 103 from south of Canyon Lake
- 44 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 40 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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