



COMAL COUNTY

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County confirms three COVID-19 deaths, reports 74 new cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County has confirmed three more deaths related to COVID-19, for a total of 59, and is reporting 74 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 2,231.

The deaths were:

- A New Braunfels woman in her 60s died July 28 at a New Braunfels hospital.
- A New Braunfels man in his 60s died Thursday at a New Braunfels hospital.
- A New Braunfels woman in her 70s died Sunday at a New Braunfels hospital.

Of the 74 new cases, 41 are confirmed and 33 are probable; 66 are New Braunfels-area residents, three are from the Bulverde/Spring Branch area, three live south of Canyon Lake, and two are from the Garden Ridge area. Seventeen are younger than 30, 25 are in their 30s or 40s, 22 are in their 50s or 60s, and 10 are older than 70.

Comal County's positivity rate – the percentage of tests with a positive result – is now 16.57%, up slightly from 16.50% on Monday and 16.37% one week ago.

Comal County also confirmed 150 more recoveries from COVID-19, for a total of 1,366. With 59 deaths, the county now has 806 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases – its smallest number since July 11 and the fifth consecutive decline. Of them, 56 are hospitalized, an increase of three from Monday.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 31 COVID-19 patients; of those, 17 are in intensive care beds, and 13 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 Tuesday morning, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 13,468 tests conducted
- 1,720 confirmed cases
- 511 probable cases

Of the 2,231 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

- 1,689 from the New Braunfels area, including eastern and central Comal County
- 322 from western Comal County, including Bulverde and Spring Branch
- 113 from south of Canyon Lake
- 54 from north of Canyon Lake, including Fischer
- 45 from southern Comal County, including Garden Ridge and Schertz
- 8 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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