



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County adds 127 new COVID-19 cases; five deaths

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, January 1, 2021:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 127 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 6,375 cases.

14 are confirmed cases and 113 are probable.

Public Health also confirms the deaths of five more Comal County residents. All are from New Braunfels.

- A woman in her 50s who died on 12/13
- A man in his 80s who died on 12/14
- A man in his 80s who died on 12/15
- A woman in her 60s who died on 12/20
- A woman in her 90s who died on 12/23

The County now has 708 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 55 are hospitalized.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 108 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 4 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 5 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 1 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 9 |
| Fair Oaks | 0 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 12 |
| 20's | 29 |
| 30's / 40's | 43 |
| 50's / 60's | 35 |
| 70 and older | 8 |

There are 95 additional COVID-19 recoveries in Comal County. The total recovered is 5,504. On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 82 COVID-19 patients; of those, 21 are in intensive care 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.

TSA P percentage today is 18.24%.

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

- 44,307 tests conducted
- 3,913 confirmed cases
- 2,453 probable cases
- Nine suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 19.15%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 17.50%.

Of the 6,375 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

| Location: | Number of cases total: |
|---|------------------------|
| New Braunfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.) | 4,646 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 927 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 347 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 247 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 185 |
| Fair Oaks Ranch | 23 |

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 to schedule an appointment.

Testing is only done on Tuesday and Friday, and you must have an appointment.

There is no testing this Friday, January 1, 2021 due to the New Year holiday.

If you are interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit

<https://www.co.comal.tx.us/Health.htm> for information on vaccination criteria and locations.

Probable case definition

“Probable case” 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:

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic linkage with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for SARS-CoV-2.
- Meets presumptive* laboratory evidence.
 - Presumptive* laboratory evidence:
 - Detection of SARS-CoV-2 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen
- Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory evidence for SARS-CoV-2.

A probable case is treated identically to a confirmed case and counts toward the County’s positivity rate and total case tally.

Suspect case definition

A “Suspect case” meets supportive laboratory evidence with no prior history of being a confirmed or probable case. It is also counted towards the total case tally.

Supportive Laboratory Evidence means:

- **Detection of specific antibody in serum, plasma, or whole blood**
- **Detection of specific antigen by immunocytochemistry in an autopsy specimen.**

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