



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County adds 88 new COVID-19 cases; 10 deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 88 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 6,633 cases.

Seven are confirmed cases, 80 cases are probable, and one is a suspect case. Public Health also confirms the deaths of 10 more Comal County residents. Please keep their families in your prayers.

- Male in 50s Resident of NB, died Dec 18 at a local hospital
- Male in 70s, Resident of NB, died Dec 20 at San Antonio hospital
- Male in 70s, Resident of NB, died Dec 23 at home
- Male in 60s, Resident of Canyon Lake, died Dec 25 at San Antonio hospital
- Female in 60s, Resident of Spring Branch, died Dec 27 at San Antonio hospital
- Female in 60s, Resident of New Braunfels, died Dec 28 at New Braunfels hospital
- Female in 60s, Resident of Canyon Lake, died Dec 29 in New Braunfels
- Male in 90s, resident of New Braunfels, died 1/4 in New Braunfels
- Female in 80s, resident of New Braunfels died 1/4 in New Braunfels
- Female in 80s, resident of New Braunfels, died 1/2 in New Braunfels

The total number of deceased is now 178.

The County has 723 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 61 are hospitalized.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	81
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	2
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	6
20's	14
30's / 40's	40
50's / 60's	21
70 and older	7

There are 228 additional COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 5,732.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 85 COVID-19 patients; of those, 14 are in intensive care and 10 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 20.84 %.

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

- 47,285 tests conducted
- 3,932 confirmed cases
- 2,691 probable cases
- 10 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 13.97%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 10.82 %.

Of the 6,633 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.)	4,856
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	948
South of Canyon Lake	358
North of Canyon Lake	258
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	190
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.

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. The Comal County Health Department is out of COVID-19 vaccine. All allotted COVID-19 vaccines have been administered. We will advise the public when we receive additional COVID-19 vaccine.

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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