



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 73 COVID-19 cases; three deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 73 cases of COVID-19 for a total of 6,706 cases.

44 are new cases and 29 are backlogged cases added to County data.

Of the new cases, 11 are confirmed cases and 33 cases are probable.

Public Health also confirms the deaths of three more Comal County residents.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

- Garden Ridge Man in 70s on 12/23 at a San Antonio Hospital
- NB woman in 90s on 12/31 at a NB hospital
- NB man in 80s on 12/14 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 180.

The County has 702 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 60 are hospitalized.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 59 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 1 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 1 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 4 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 6 |
| Fair Oaks | 2 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 9 |
| 20's | 10 |
| 30's / 40's | 15 |
| 50's / 60's | 13 |
| 70 and older | 26 |

There are 92 additional COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 5,824.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 90 COVID-19 patients; of those, 13 are in intensive care and 11 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 21.51 %.

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

- 47,426 tests conducted
- 3,950 confirmed cases
- 2,746 probable cases
- 10 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 12.87 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 10.86 %.

Of the 6,706 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.) | 4,915 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 954 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 359 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 259 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 194 |
| Fair Oaks Ranch | 25 |

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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