



Comal County
Office of Public Health

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Due to rapidly rising numbers of highly probable and suspicious cases of swine influenza in Comal County, the following measures for the health and well being of the citizens of Comal County are being implemented. These measures are based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

1. Closure of schools for 10 days. This includes public schools, both Comal Independent School District and New Braunfels Independent School District, private schools and daycares.
2. Students and faculty are to stay home during this time. Students are not to participate in any extracurricular activities and should not report to work. Students are not to gather socially.
3. In any family that has had influenza illness, the entire family and any household members should stay home until 7 days past the last day of illness/symptoms.
4. Any mass gathering should be postponed. This includes church services, meetings, and social events.
5. There are specific recommendations for businesses which include screening employees and clients for illness. Anyone who has influenza like illness symptoms should stay home until they are well or if diagnosed with influenza, until 7 days past the last day of symptoms. Sanitization and specific cleaning measures should be implemented. These are posted on the Comal County web site, www.co.comal.tx.us
6. Anyone with fever 100.3 or greater, cough, sore throat, myalgias, and headache should contact their medical provider for advice. The medical provider will decide if they should come to their office for testing/treatment.

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