



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 86 COVID-19 cases; six deaths**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 8, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 86 cases of COVID-19 for a total of 6,792 cases. 59 of the cases are probable, 26 are confirmed cases and one is a suspect case. Public Health also confirms the deaths of six more Comal County residents. Please keep their families in your prayers.

- A NB woman in her 80s on 12/4/2020 at a NB hospital
- A NB man in his 80s on 1/2/2021
- A NB man in his 80s on 1/3/2021
- Three NB women in their 80s on 1/6/2021

The total number of deceased is now 186.  
The County has 779 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.  
Of those, 59 are hospitalized.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	65
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	5
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	10
20's	12
30's / 40's	17
50's / 60's	20
70 and older	27

There are three additional COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 5,827.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 86 COVID-19 patients; of those, 13 are in intensive care and nine 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 21.17 %.**

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

- 48,122 tests conducted
- 3,976 confirmed cases
- 2,805 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 21.37 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 10.63 %.**

Of the 6,792 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.)	4,980
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	957
South of Canyon Lake	367
North of Canyon Lake	263
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	199
Fair Oaks Ranch	26

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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