



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 100 COVID-19 cases; five deaths**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 13, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 100 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,067 cases.

40 of the cases are probable and 60 are confirmed cases.

The County also confirms the deaths of five more Comal County residents:

- NB man in his 70s on 1/1/21 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 50s on 1/3/21 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 60s on 1/3/21 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 80s on 1/9/21
- NB woman in her 90s on 1/12/21

The total number of deceased is now 193.

The County has 869 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 82 are hospitalized.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	74
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	18
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	11 (one infant under 12 months)
20's	11
30's / 40's	14
50's / 60's	29
70 and older	35

There are no additional COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 6,005. Two recovered patients relapsed.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 81 COVID-19 patients; of those, 17 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 22.89 %.**

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

- 50,422 tests conducted
- 4,071 confirmed cases
- 2,985 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 20.53%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.43 %.**

**\*For comparison, the Molecular rate for the State of Texas is 18.39%. The Antigen rate is 12.34%.**

Of the 7,067 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.)	5,182
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,000
South of Canyon Lake	379
North of Canyon Lake	273
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	206
Fair Oaks Ranch	27

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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