



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 97 COVID-19 cases; five deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 15, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 97 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,245 cases.

45 of the cases are probable and 52 are confirmed cases.

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

- New Braunfels woman in her 90s passed away on 12/27/2020.
- New Braunfels man in his 80s passed away on 12/31/2020.
- New Braunfels woman in her 90s passed away on 1/2/2021.
- New Braunfels woman in her 80s passed away on 1/4/2021.
- New Braunfels woman in her 60s passed on 1/13/2021 at a San Antonio hospital.

The total number of deceased is now 201.

The County has 831 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 58 are hospitalized.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	61
N of Canyon Lake	11
S of Canyon Lake	9
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	16
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	7
20's	10
30's / 40's	35
50's / 60's	29
70 and older	16

There are an additional 122 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 6,213.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 89 COVID-19 patients; of those, 23 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 21.08 %.**

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

- 51,151 tests conducted
- 4,131 confirmed cases
- 3,101 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 23.93%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 8.76 %.**

Of the 7,245 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.)	5,311
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,020
South of Canyon Lake	394
North of Canyon Lake	286
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	207
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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