



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 80 new COVID-19 cases; 19 deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 80 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,325 cases.

Two backlogged cases were also added to County data.

22 are confirmed cases. 60 are probable cases.

The County Public Health Department also confirms the deaths of nineteen more Comal County residents:

- NB man in 50s on 1/7/21 at NB hospital
- NB Woman in 80s on 1/7/21
- NB man in 80s on 1/11/21
- NB woman in 80s on 1/13/21
- NB woman in 80s on 1/10/21
- NB woman in 80s on 1/12/21 at NB hospital
- NB woman in 90s on 1/7/21 at NB hospital
- NB woman in 40s on 1/12/21 at NB hospital
- NB woman in 90s on 1/10/21 in NB hospital
- NB man in 70s on 1/10/21 in NB hospital
- NB woman in 90s on 1/9/21
- NB man in 50s on 1/2/21 in NB hospital
- NB woman in 80s on 1/2/21
- NB man in 60s on 1/1/21
- NB woman in 70s on 1/1/21
- NB woman in 80s on 1/1/21
- NB woman in 90s on 12/29/20
- Canyon Lake man in 70s on 12/28/20
- NB man in 90s died on 1/5/21 at NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 220.

The County has 741 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 68 are hospitalized today.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	55
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	5
Bulverde/Spring Branch	12
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	5
20's	12
30's / 40's	24
50's / 60's	24
70 and older	15

There are an additional 151 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 6,364.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 87 COVID-19 patients; of those, 25 are in intensive care and 16 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 22.93%.

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

- 51,651 tests conducted
- 4,153 confirmed cases
- 3,161 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 27.19%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.36 %.

Of the 7,325 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.)	5,366
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,032
South of Canyon Lake	397
North of Canyon Lake	290
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	212
Fair Oaks Ranch	28

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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