



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 93 new COVID-19 cases; five deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 20, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 93 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,418 cases.

38 are confirmed cases. 55 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 80s on 1/6/2021
- A NB woman in her 70s on 1/15/2021
- A NB woman in her 90s on 1/15/2021
- A NB woman in her 80s on 1/15/2021
- A NB woman in her 70s on 1/18/2021

The total number of deceased is now 225.

The County has 743 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 72 are hospitalized today.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	70
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	5
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	14
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	16 (one infant under 12 months)
20's	6
30's / 40's	35
50's / 60's	27
70 and older	9

There are an additional 86 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 6,450.

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 93 COVID-19 patients; of those, 25 are in intensive care and 15 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 23.61%.**

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

- 51,868 tests conducted
- 4,191 confirmed cases
- 3,216 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 31.26%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 10.24 %.**

Of the 7,418 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.)	5,436
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,046
South of Canyon Lake	402
North of Canyon Lake	294
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.**

**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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