



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 67 COVID-19 cases; three deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 67 additional cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,485 cases.

24 are new cases. 43 are backlogged cases added to County data.

11 are confirmed cases. 56 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 70s on 1/9/21
- A NB woman in her 80s on 1/12/21
- A NB woman in her 40s on 1/17/21 at a NB hospital.

The total number of deceased is now 228.

The County has 722 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 70 are hospitalized today.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 40 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 3 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 3 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 9 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 10 |
| Fair Oaks | 2 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Under 20 | 9 (one infant under 12 months) |
| 20's | 10 |
| 30's / 40's | 24 |
| 50's / 60's | 17 |
| 70 and older | 7 |

There are an additional 85 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 6,535.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 84 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 24.12%.

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

- 54,014 tests conducted
- 4,202 confirmed cases
- 3,272 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 30.39%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 6.25 %.

Of the 7,485 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.) | 5,476 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 1,056 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 405 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 297 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 221 |
| Fair Oaks Ranch | 30 |

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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