



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 85 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 85 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,570 cases.

18 are confirmed cases. 67 are probable cases.

The total number of deceased remains at 228.

The County has 725 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 80 are hospitalized today.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	59
N of Canyon Lake	3
S of Canyon Lake	6
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	14
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	10
20's	12
30's / 40's	22
50's / 60's	27
70 and older	14

There are an additional 82 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 6,617.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 76 COVID-19 patients; of those, 22 are in intensive care and 17 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 24.03%.

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

- 55,915 tests conducted
- 4,220 confirmed cases
- 3,339 probable cases
- 11 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 32.85%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 5.38 %.

Of the 7,570 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.)	5,535
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,070
South of Canyon Lake	411
North of Canyon Lake	300
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	223
Fair Oaks Ranch	31

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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