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**Comal County reports 114 COVID-19 cases; 3 deaths;  
 89 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 26, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 114 additional cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,773 cases.

38 are confirmed cases. 75 are probable cases. One is a suspect case.

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

- A NB woman in her 60s on 1/18/2021 at a NB hospital
- A NB man in his 60s on 1/21/2021 at a NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 50s on 1/23/2021 at a NB hospital.

The total number of deceased is now 242.

The County has 713 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 81 are hospitalized today

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	87
N of Canyon Lake	7
S of Canyon Lake	5
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	14
Fair Oaks	0
Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	19
20's	16
30's / 40's	36
50's / 60's	37
70 and older	6

There are an additional 89 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 6,818.

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 80 COVID-19 patients; of those, 23 are in intensive care and 18 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 23.72%.**

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

- 56,471 tests conducted
- 4,267 confirmed cases
- 3,494 probable cases
- 12 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 51.13%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 6.41%.**

Of the 7,773 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

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Location:	Number of cases total:
New Braunfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.)	5,691
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,095
South of Canyon Lake	421
North of Canyon Lake	309
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	226
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.**

**Residents interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, who meet criteria in Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the State of Texas vaccination plan, can now visit**

<https://www.co.comal.tx.us/vaccine/standbylist.htm>

**to be placed on a list for future vaccines.**

Signing up for the Vaccine Standby List does not guarantee residents will receive a vaccination from Comal County. Vaccines will be distributed to the public as they are received by Comal County and according to all state distribution guidelines.

**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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