



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 109 COVID-19 cases; 104 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 28, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 109 additional cases of COVID-19 for a total of 7,999 cases.

16 are confirmed cases. 92 are probable cases. One is a suspect case

The total number of deceased remains at 242.

The County has 718 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 99 are hospitalized today

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	92
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	7
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8 (includes one infant under 12 months)
20's	16
30's / 40's	32
50's / 60's	37
70 and older	16

There are an additional 104 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.  
The total recovered is 7,039.

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 78 COVID-19 patients; of those, 24 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 23.06%.**

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

- 60,262 tests conducted
- 4,296 confirmed cases
- 3,690 probable cases
- 13 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 45.08%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 4.52%.**

Of the 7,999 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.)	5,866
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,110
South of Canyon Lake	439
North of Canyon Lake	324
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	229
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.**

**The Comal County COVID-19 Vaccine Standby List is now full and closed.**

**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 check the County’s website and Facebook page for information on when that Standby List will reopen for registration.**

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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