



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 88 COVID-19 cases; 155 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 88 additional cases of COVID-19 for a total of 8,087 cases.

Six are confirmed cases. 81 are probable cases. One is a suspect case

The total number of deceased remains at 242.

The County has 651 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 98 are hospitalized today

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	68
N of Canyon Lake	7
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	9
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8
20's	22
30's / 40's	32
50's / 60's	20
70 and older	6

There are an additional 155 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.
The total recovered is 7,194.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 74 COVID-19 patients; of those, 26 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 21.8%.

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

- 60,296 tests conducted
- 4,302 confirmed cases
- 3,771 probable cases
- 14 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 43.96%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 4.09%.

Of the 8,087 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.)	5,934
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,119
South of Canyon Lake	440
North of Canyon Lake	331
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	231
Fair Oaks Ranch	32

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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