



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 57 COVID-19 cases; 13 deaths**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 1, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 57 additional cases of COVID-19 for a total of 8,144 cases.

11 are confirmed cases. 46 are probable cases.

Comal County Public Health Department also confirms the deaths of 13 more Comal County residents.

- Spring Branch woman in her 70s on 1/5/2021 at a NB hospital
- Canyon Lake man in his 50s on 1/12/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- NB woman in her 50s on 1/14/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 60s on 1/16/2021 at a NB hospital
- Spring Branch man in his 60s on 1/17/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- Canyon Lake man in his 80s on 1/17/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 80s on 1/18/2021
- NB woman in 80s on 1/18/2021
- NB man in his 70s on 1/19/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 90s on 1/20/2021
- NB woman in her 70s on 1/21/2021
- NB woman in her 90s on 1/23/2021
- NB woman in her 80s on 1/24/2021

The total number of deceased is now 255.

The County has 620 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 94 are hospitalized today

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	26
N of Canyon Lake	12
S of Canyon Lake	4
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	13
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	17 ( 2 infants under 12 months old)
20's	5
30's / 40's	19
50's / 60's	7
70 and older	9

There are an additional 75 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 7,269.

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 58 COVID-19 patients; of those, 26 are in intensive care and 15 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 19.45%.**

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

- 60,474 tests conducted
- 4,313 confirmed cases
- 3,817 probable cases
- 14 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 44.34%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 5.90%.**

Of the 8,144 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.)	5,960
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,132
South of Canyon Lake	444
North of Canyon Lake	343
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	232
Fair Oaks Ranch	33

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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