



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 37 new COVID-19 cases; 69 backlogged cases added to County data; 142 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 37 new cases of COVID-19 and 69 backlogged cases for a total of 8,435 cases. 34 are confirmed cases. 72 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains at 259.

The County has 592 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 71 are hospitalized today. There are an additional 142 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County. The total recovered is 7,584.

“Our numbers are decreasing daily, which is exactly what we want to see,” said Comal County Judge Sherman Krause. “The weather is nice and we want to get together again with friends and family, but we can’t do that yet. Active cases are down and recoveries are up. Right now, we encourage everyone to continue social distancing. We’re moving in the right direction.”

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	52
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	7
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	13
Bulverde/Spring Branch	27
Fair Oaks	3

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	20
20’s	15
30’s / 40’s	33
50’s / 60’s	23
70 and older	15

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 53 COVID-19 patients; of those, 25 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 18.2%.

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

- 63,007 tests conducted
- 4,403 confirmed cases
- 4,016 probable cases
- 16 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 30.47 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 8.04%.

Of the 8,435 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.)	6,137
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,181
South of Canyon Lake	464
North of Canyon Lake	358
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	256
Fair Oaks Ranch	39

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 Health Department is closed today, February 5. All staff are working at today’s vaccine clinic.

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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