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Comal County reports 44 new COVID-19 cases; 10 deaths

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 8, 2021:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 44 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 8,479 cases.

19 are confirmed cases. 25 are probable cases.

Comal County Public Health also confirms the deaths of 10 more Comal County residents:

- Spring Branch Woman in her 60s on 1/28/21 at a San Antonio Hospital
- NB man in his 60s on 1/23/2021 at a San Marcos hospital
- NB man in his 70s on 1/31/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- Spring Branch woman in 60s on 1/26/2021 at a San Antonio Hospital
- NB woman in her 60s on 1/27/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in 70s on 1/21/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 80s on 2/1/2021
- Canyon Lake woman in her 70s on 1/23/2021 at a Sugarland hospital
- NB man in 80s on 1/31/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 50s on 1/28/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 269.

The County has 604 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 70 are hospitalized today.

There are an additional 22 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 7,606.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	31
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	3

S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	7
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8
20's	9
30's / 40's	13
50's / 60's	12
70 and older	2

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 50 COVID-19 patients; of those, 22 are in intensive care and 16 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 15.92%.

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

- 63,247 tests conducted
- 4,422 confirmed cases
- 4,041 probable cases
- 16 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 37.39 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 7.55%.

Of the 8,479 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.)	6,168
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,188
South of Canyon Lake	467
North of Canyon Lake	359
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	258
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 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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