



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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**Comal County reports 114 new COVID-19 cases;  
two confirmed cases are UK variants;  
TSA P percentage drops below 15%**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 10, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 114 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 8,685 cases.

74 are confirmed cases. 37 are probable cases. Three are suspect cases.

Public Health is also reporting that two of the confirmed cases are the United Kingdom (UK) variant called B.1.1.7. This variant spreads more easily and more quickly than others.

“This is the first report of variant strains found in Comal County residents,” said Comal County Director of Public Health Cheryl Fraser. “We received this information from Department of State Health Services. Not every specimen is strain typed, but samples are randomly being selected and sent to the CDC for surveillance purposes. Public Health continues to work with the CDC and DSHS to monitor this closely.”

The County has 622 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 73 are hospitalized today.

There are an additional 80 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 7,794.

The total number of deceased remains at 269.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	77
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	19
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	17
20's	17
30's / 40's	39
50's / 60's	35
70 and older	6

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 54 COVID-19 patients; of those, 23 are in intensive care and 19 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 14.99%.**

After seven consecutive days below the 15% mark, businesses now operating at 50% capacity may reopen to 75% capacity.

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

- 63,700 tests conducted
- 4,554 confirmed cases
- 4,112 probable cases
- 19 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 58.83%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 7.6%.**

Of the 8,685 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.)	6,309
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,220
South of Canyon Lake	481
North of Canyon Lake	370
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	266
Fair Oaks Ranch	39

**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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