



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 49 new COVID-19 cases; six deaths 309 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 23, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 49 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 8,911 cases. 16 are confirmed cases. 33 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the deaths of six Comal County residents:

- NB man in his 60s on 2/18/2021
- NB woman in her 40s on 2/15/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 80s on 2/13/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB woman in her 60s on 2/12/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 70s on 2/19/2021 at a NB hospital
- Bulverde man in his 80s on 2/21/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 284.

The County has 364 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 59 are hospitalized today.

There are an additional 309 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 8, 263.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	29
N of Canyon Lake	3
S of Canyon Lake	4
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	12
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	5
30's / 40's	17
50's / 60's	13
70 and older	11

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 32 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care and seven 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 11.36%.**

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

- 6,449 tests conducted
- 4,687 confirmed cases
- 4,205 probable cases
- 19 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 73.80 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 17.67%.**

Of the 8,911 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.)	6,449
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,264
South of Canyon Lake	495
North of Canyon Lake	390
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	270
Fair Oaks Ranch	43

**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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