



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 49 new COVID-19 cases; eight deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 49 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 9,083 cases. 17 are confirmed cases. 32 are probable cases.

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

- Spring Branch woman in her 50s on 1/11/2021
- Canyon Lake woman in her 80s on 1/23/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- NB man in his 50s on 2/8/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- Spring Branch man in his 70s on 2/9/2021
- NB woman in her 90s on 2/9/2021
- Canyon Lake woman in her 60s on 2/11/2021
- NB woman in her 80s on 2/17/2021
- Canyon Lake man in his 70s on 2/4/2021

The total number of deceased is now 292.
The County has 233 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.
Of those, 41 are hospitalized today.
There are an additional 54 COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.
The total recovered is 8,558.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	21
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	5
Bulverde/Spring Branch	9
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	5
20's	12
30's / 40's	16
50's / 60's	9
70 and older	7

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 27 COVID-19 patients; of those, seven are in intensive care and six 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 10.71%.

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

- 65,157 tests conducted
- 4,773 confirmed cases
- 4,291 probable cases
- 19 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 42.42 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 12.13%.

Of the 9,083 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.)	6,547
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,293
South of Canyon Lake	510
North of Canyon Lake	403
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	287
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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