



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 13 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 13 new cases of COVID-19 for a total of 9,221 cases.

Four are confirmed cases and nine are probable cases.

The Public Health Department also confirms the deaths of two Comal County residents:

- A NB woman in her 80s on 2/26/2021 at a NB hospital
- A NB man in his 80s on 2/26/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 294.

The County has 326 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 45 are hospitalized today.

There are no COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 8,601 due to the relapse of a formerly recovered patient.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 11 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 2 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 0 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 0 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 0 |
| Fair Oaks | 0 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 2 |
| 20's | 5 |
| 30's / 40's | 2 |
| 50's / 60's | 3 |
| 70 and older | 1 |

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 26 COVID-19 patients; of those, nine 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 8.35%.

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

- 65,751 tests conducted
- 4,858 confirmed cases
- 4,343 probable cases
- 20 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 56.14%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 11.52%.

Of the 9,221 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.) | 6,629 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 1,326 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 524 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 410 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 289 |
| 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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