



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 17 new COVID-19 cases; Eight backlogged cases added to County data

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 17 new cases of COVID-19 and eight backlogged cases being added to County data. Total cases for the County is now 9,246.

16 of today's additional cases are confirmed cases and nine are probable cases.

The total number of deceased remains at 294.

The County has 343 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 45 are hospitalized today.

There are eight COVID-19 recoveries reported today in Comal County.

The total recovered is 8,609.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	16
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	5
20's	6
30's / 40's	9
50's / 60's	3
70 and older	2

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 27 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 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 8.01%.

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

- 65,855 tests conducted
- 4,874 confirmed cases
- 4,352 probable cases
- 20 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 56.95%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 9.67%.**

Of the 9,246 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.)	6,645
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,331
South of Canyon Lake	525
North of Canyon Lake	411
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	291
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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