



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 22 new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 22 new cases of COVID-19. Total cases for the County is now 9,268. 16 are confirmed cases and six are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains at 294. The County has 365 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 47 are hospitalized. There are no COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 8,609.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	18
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	7
30's / 40's	3
50's / 60's	5
70 and older	4

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 21 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care and eight 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 7.38%.

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

- 65,910 tests conducted
- 4,890 confirmed cases
- 4,358 probable cases
- 20 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 65.21%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 17.21%.

Of the 9,268 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.)	6,663
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,334
South of Canyon Lake	526
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 expected to reopen soon.

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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