



# COMAL COUNTY

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### Comal County reports 38 new COVID-19 cases; four deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 9, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 38 new cases of COVID-19. Total cases for the County is now 9,346. 24 are confirmed cases and 14 are probable cases.

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

- NB man in his 70s on 2/18/2021
- NB man in his 70s on 2/20/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 80s on 2/27/2021 at a San Marcos hospital
- Spring Branch woman in her 80s on 1/30/2021

The total number of deceased is now 298.

The County has 411 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 47 are hospitalized.

There are 28 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 8,637.

| Region:                       | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels                 | 25                   |
| N of Canyon Lake              | 3                    |
| S of Canyon Lake              | 3                    |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 1                    |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch        | 6                    |
| Fair Oaks                     | 0                    |

| Age Range:   | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20     | 4                    |
| 20's         | 5                    |
| 30's / 40's  | 15                   |
| 50's / 60's  | 8                    |
| 70 and older | 6                    |

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 14 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 6.06%.**

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

- 66,140 tests conducted
- 4,930 confirmed cases
- 4,396 probable cases
- 20 suspect cases.

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 78.17%.  
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 12.72%.**

Of the 9,346 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

| Location:   | Number of cases total: |
|---|------------------------|
| New Braunfels<br>(Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.)     | 6,721                  |
| Western Comal County<br>(Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 1,344                  |
| South of Canyon Lake  | 531                    |
| North of Canyon Lake  | 415                    |
| Southern Comal County<br>(Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)  | 292                    |
| Fair Oaks Ranch   | 43                     |

**The Comal County COVID-19 Vaccine Standby List is now open.**

**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 visit [www.co.comal.tx.us](http://www.co.comal.tx.us) to register.**

**Registering online is the best option for residents because phone resources are limited.**

**Those who do not have computer access or need assistance can call 830.620.5575.**

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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