



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 17 new COVID-19 cases; four deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 17 new COVID-19 cases today. Total cases for the County is now 9,436. Six are confirmed cases and 11 are probable cases.

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

- NB man in his 80s on 3/10/2021 at a NB hospital
- NB man in his 80s on 2/28/2021
- NB woman in her 80s on 2/25/2021
- Spring Branch man in his 70s on 2/22/2021 at a San Antonio hospital

The total number of deceased is now 302.

Comal County has 296 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 42 are hospitalized.

There are another 42 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 8,838.

| Region: | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels | 13 |
| N of Canyon Lake | 0 |
| S of Canyon Lake | 2 |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 0 |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch | 2 |
| Fair Oaks | 0 |

| Age Range: | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20 | 4 |
| 20's | 1 |
| 30's / 40's | 8 |
| 50's / 60's | 3 |
| 70 and older | 1 |

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, three are in intensive care and three 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 5.07%.

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

- 67,900 tests conducted
- 4,961 confirmed cases
- 4,454 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases.

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 30.43%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 4.51%.

Of the 9,436 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.) | 6,776 |
| Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 1,365 |
| South of Canyon Lake | 541 |
| North of Canyon Lake | 416 |
| Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz) | 295 |
| 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, Phase 1B and Phase 1C of the State of Texas vaccination plan, can visit 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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