



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 17 new COVID-19 cases

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 19, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 17 new COVID-19 cases today. Total cases for the County is now 9,512. Nine are confirmed cases and eight are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains at 303.

Comal County has 244 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 42 are hospitalized. There are another 19 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 8,965.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	12
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	2
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	2
20's	3
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	8
70 and older	0

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for eight COVID-19 patients; of those, three are in intensive care and one is on a ventilator. 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 4.39%.**

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

- 68,087 tests conducted
- 5,009 confirmed cases
- 4,482 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 28.01%.  
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 2.95%.**

Of the 9,512 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.)	6,833
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,376
South of Canyon Lake	543
North of Canyon Lake	420
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	297
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](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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