



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 45 additional COVID-19 cases; TSA P drops below 4%

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 45 additional COVID-19 cases today. 24 are new cases and 21 are backlogged cases added to County data. Total cases for the County is now 9,636. 15 are confirmed cases and 30 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains at 305.

Comal County has 193 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, five are hospitalized. There are another 30 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 9,138

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	19
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	6
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	5
Bulverde/Spring Branch	12
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	11 (includes an infant under 12 months old)
20's	1
30's / 40's	15
50's / 60's	15
70 and older	1

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 10 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 3.89%.

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

- 68,893 tests conducted
- 5,069 confirmed cases
- 4,546 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 18.4%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 10.98%.

Of the 9,636 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.)	6,898
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,406
South of Canyon Lake	555
North of Canyon Lake	427
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	306
Fair Oaks Ranch	44

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.

Beginning Monday, March 29, the Vaccine Standby List is open to all adults. Comal County Health Department administers the Moderna Vaccine, which can be used for those 18 years of age and older.

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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