



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 37 new COVID-19 cases; three deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 30, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 37 new COVID-19 cases today.

Total cases for the County is now 9,691.

27 are confirmed cases and 10 are probable cases.

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

- New Braunfels man in his 30s on 3/20/2021 at a New Braunfels hospital
- Spring Branch woman in her 80s on 3/5/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- New Braunfels woman in her 60s on 1/1/2021 at a New Braunfels hospital

The total number of deceased is now 308.

Comal County has 179 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, five are hospitalized.

There are another 32 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 9,204.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	23
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	14
30's / 40's	10
50's / 60's	8
70 and older	2

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 12 COVID-19 patients; of those, two are in intensive care and two 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 3.66%.**

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

- 72,041 tests conducted
- 5,103 confirmed cases
- 4,567 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 4.98%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 2.69%.**

Of the 9,691 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.)	6,931
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,416
South of Canyon Lake	555
North of Canyon Lake	435
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	310
Fair Oaks Ranch	44

**The Comal County COVID-19 Vaccine Standby List is now open to adults 18 and older.**

Residents interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can visit [www.co.comal.tx.us](http://www.co.comal.tx.us) to register.

**The 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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