



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 16 new COVID-19 cases; one death

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 16 new COVID-19 cases today. Total cases for the County is now 9,707. Nine are confirmed cases and seven are probable cases. Public Health also confirms the death of a Canyon Lake woman in her 60's. She passed away on 2-11-21. The total number of deceased is now 309.

Comal County has 181 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, six are hospitalized. There are another 13 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 9,217.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	10
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	1
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	1
20's	0
30's / 40's	8
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	5

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, two 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 3.48%.

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

- 72,542 tests conducted
- 5,112 confirmed cases
- 4,574 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 4.26%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 2.74%.

Of the 9,707 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.)	6,941
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,417
South of Canyon Lake	556
North of Canyon Lake	437
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	311
Fair Oaks Ranch	45

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 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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