



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 25 additional COVID-19 cases; two deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 7, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County is reporting 25 additional COVID-19 cases today. 10 of those are backlogged cases added to County data.

Total cases for the County is now 9,810. 10 are confirmed cases and 15 are probable cases.

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

- Canyon Lake man in his 60s on 3/18/2021 at a Katy hospital
- NB man in his 80s on 3/20/2021.

Comal County has 194 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, seven are hospitalized.

There are another 22 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 9,305.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	12
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	2
20's	5
30's / 40's	9
50's / 60's	7
70 and older	2

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 10 COVID-19 patients; of those, five 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.

**Today's TSA P percentage is 3.48%**

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

- 74,446 tests conducted
- 5,175 confirmed cases
- 4,614 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 4.85%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 2.20%.**

Of the 9,810 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.)	6,993
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,443
South of Canyon Lake	564
North of Canyon Lake	443
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	320
Fair Oaks Ranch	46

**The Comal County COVID-19 Vaccine Standby List is 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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