



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports five new COVID-19 cases

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting five new COVID-19 cases today. Total cases for the County is now 9,815. All five of the the new cases are confirmed cases. Comal County has 176 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, eight are hospitalized. There are another 23 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 9,328.

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

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

On Thursday, 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.

Today's TSA P percentage is 3.8%

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

- 74,532 tests conducted
- 5,180 confirmed cases
- 4,614 probable cases
- 21 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 6.51%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 3.81%.**

Of the 9,815 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.)	6,995
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,443
South of Canyon Lake	565
North of Canyon Lake	445
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	321
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 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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