



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 12 new COVID-19 cases; more than 63,000 COVID-19 vaccines administered in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 12 new COVID-19 cases.

Total cases for the County is now 9,961.

Three are confirmed cases, eight are probable cases and one is a suspect case.

Comal County now has 213 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, 12 are hospitalized.

There are another 14 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 9,436.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	10
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	0
20's	5
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	3
70 and older	0

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 14 COVID-19 patients; of those, six are in intensive care and four 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 3.81%

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

- 76,801 tests conducted
- 5,263 confirmed cases
- 4,674 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 7.45%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 4.3%.

Of the 9,961 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.)	7,084
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,460
South of Canyon Lake	581
North of Canyon Lake	460
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	330
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 is used for those 18 years of age and older.

“The Health Department has administered more than 26,000 vaccines at our local clinics and we haven’t wasted one dose,” said Cheryl Fraser, Comal County’s Director of Public Health. “Across the County, we have 47 registered providers and 39 of those providers now have vaccine. Together, more than 63,000 doses have been administered in Comal County.”

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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