



COMAL COUNTY

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46 new COVID-19 cases reported in Comal County; 55 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 46 new COVID-19 cases.
 Total cases for the County is now 10,022.
 35 are confirmed cases and 11 are probable cases.
 Comal County now has 215 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.
 Of those, eight are hospitalized.
 There are another 55 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.
 The total recovered is 9,495.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	30
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	10
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	10
20's	9
30's / 40's	17
50's / 60's	9
70 and older	1

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 COVID-19 patients; of those, five 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.

Today's TSA P percentage is 4.06%.

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

- 79,027 tests conducted
- 5,308 confirmed cases
- 4,690 probable cases

- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 4.5%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 3.77%.**

Of the 10,022 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.)	7,124
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,472
South of Canyon Lake	583
North of Canyon Lake	465
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	332
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. 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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