



COMAL COUNTY

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55 new COVID-19 cases reported in Comal County; 48 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 55 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,383. 34 are confirmed cases and 21 are probable cases. Comal County has 308 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, five are hospitalized. There are another 48 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 9,758. Total number of deceased remains at 317.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	43
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	4
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	22
20's	11
30's / 40's	16
50's / 60's	6
70 and older	0

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 COVID-19 patients; of those, two 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 3.89%.

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

- 89,125 tests conducted
- 5,516 confirmed cases
- 4,843 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 3.02%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 3.22%.

Of the 10,383 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.)	7,364
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,523
South of Canyon Lake	594
North of Canyon Lake	489
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	361
Fair Oaks Ranch	52

The Comal County Health Department administers the Moderna Vaccine, which is used for those 18 years of age and older.

Those interested in receiving a vaccine can schedule an appointment for a clinic this Thursday, May 6 by visiting www.mycomalcounty.com

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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