



COMAL COUNTY

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35 new COVID-19 cases reported in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County is reporting 35 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,418. 25 are confirmed cases and 10 are probable cases. Comal County has 316 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, six are hospitalized. There are another 27 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 9,785. Total number of deceased remains at 317.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	25
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	5
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	6
20's	3
30's / 40's	18
50's / 60's	5
70 and older	3

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 13 COVID-19 patients; of those, two 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 3.98%.

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

- 89,635 tests conducted
- 5,541 confirmed cases
- 4,853 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 3.5%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 3.06%.

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.)	7,389
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,528
South of Canyon Lake	595
North of Canyon Lake	491
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	363
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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