



COMAL COUNTY

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45 additional COVID-19 cases; one death; 63 recoveries reported in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 45 additional COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,596.

22 are new cases and 23 are backlogged cases added to County data.

21 are confirmed cases and 24 are probable cases.

The Public Health Department also confirms the death of a New Braunfels man in his 70’s. He passed away on 5-10-21 at a New Braunfels hospital.

Total number of deceased is now 320.

Comal County now has 338 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases.

Of those, six are hospitalized.

There are another 63 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 9,938.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	25
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	9 (includes one infant younger than 12 months)
20’s	8
30’s / 40’s	11
50’s / 60’s	15
70 and older	2

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 10 COVID-19 patients; of those, four 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 3.68%.

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

- 92,688 tests conducted
- 5,640 confirmed cases
- 4,932 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 4.55%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 5.03%.

Of the 10,596 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.)	7,516
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,548
South of Canyon Lake	603
North of Canyon Lake	502
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	375
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 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.

The FDA approved the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to be given to children ages 12-15. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's vaccine advisory committee has scheduled a meeting Wednesday to review the shots for children and is expected to approve using the vaccine for adolescents. Comal County's Public Health Department has plans to distribute the Pfizer vaccine for the new age group in the near future.

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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