



COMAL COUNTY

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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**17 new COVID-19 cases; 34 recoveries reported in Comal County
1,500 COVID-19 vaccine appointments available on May 19, 2021**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 17, 2021:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 17 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,658. 12 are confirmed cases and five are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains 320.

Comal County now has 305 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, 10 are hospitalized. There are another 34 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 10,033.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	14
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	2
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	3
30's / 40's	8
50's / 60's	1
70 and older	2

On Monday, 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 3.37%.

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

- 93,922 tests conducted
- 5,683 confirmed cases
- 4,951 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 5.2%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 4.74%.

Of the 10,658 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.)	7,559
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,558
South of Canyon Lake	606
North of Canyon Lake	503
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	377
Fair Oaks Ranch	53

Comal County’s last mass vaccine clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021, with a final second dose clinic scheduled for Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

Both clinics will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at the New Braunfels Convention Center located at 375 S. Castell

There are 1,500 appointment slots still available.

Anyone interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine at the last mass clinic on May 19 can visit www.i-info.com/registry/registry.aspx?evt=D3757753D854466EA753D00A5214CA87 to schedule an appointment. Then, just click “next” to answer a few questions and choose your appointment time.

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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