



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### 13 new COVID-19 cases; 36 recoveries reported in Comal County

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 19, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 13 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,735. One is a confirmed case and 12 are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains 320.

Comal County now has 293 active confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases. Of those, seven are hospitalized. There are another 36 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 10,122.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	12
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	1
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	4
20's	4
30's / 40's	4
50's / 60's	1
70 and older	0

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 19 COVID-19 patients; of those, six are in intensive care and three 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 3.33%.**

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

- 95,452 tests conducted
- 5,731 confirmed cases
- 4,980 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 5.08%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 4.45%.**

Of the 10,735 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.)	7,618
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,566
South of Canyon Lake	609
North of Canyon Lake	508
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	381
Fair Oaks Ranch	53

**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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