



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### 15 additional COVID-19 cases; one death reported in Comal County

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 20, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 15 additional COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,750.

Nine are confirmed cases and six are probable cases. 14 are new cases and one is a backlogged case added to County data.

Public Health also confirms the death of a Spring Branch woman in her 20's. She passed away at a hospital in San Antonio on January 4, 2021.

Total number of deceased is now 321.

The number of active cases in Comal County continues to decrease. There are 278 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, nine are hospitalized.

There are another 29 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 10,151.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	10
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	1
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	4
20's	1
30's / 40's	7
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	1

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 17 COVID-19 patients; of those, seven are in intensive care and four 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 2.99%.**

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

- 95,912 tests conducted
- 5,740 confirmed cases
- 4,986 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 4.89%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 3.56%.**

Of the 10,750 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.)	7,628
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,567
South of Canyon Lake	611
North of Canyon Lake	508
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	383
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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