



COMAL COUNTY

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15 additional COVID-19 cases; 21 recoveries reported in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 15 additional COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,765.

Eight are confirmed cases and seven are probable cases
Total number of deceased remains at 321.

The number of active cases in Comal County continues to decrease. There are 272 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, nine are hospitalized.

There are another 21 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 10,172.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	10
N of Canyon Lake	1
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	3
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	3
20's	2
30's / 40's	7
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	1

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 11 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 2.84%.

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

- 96,079 tests conducted
- 5,748 confirmed cases
- 4,993 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 5.39%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 3.99%.

Of the 10,765 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.)	7,638
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1570
South of Canyon Lake	612
North of Canyon Lake	509
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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