



COMAL COUNTY

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Nine new COVID-19 cases; 28 recoveries reported in Comal County

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports nine new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 10,774. Four are confirmed cases and five are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains at 321.

The number of active cases in Comal County continues to decrease. There are 253 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, nine are hospitalized. There are another 28 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 10,200.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	8
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	0
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	1
20's	1
30's / 40's	5
50's / 60's	2
70 and older	0

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, two 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 2.54%.

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

- 96,407 tests conducted
- 5,752 confirmed cases
- 4,983 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 4.81%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 5.28%.

Of the 10,774 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.)	7,646
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)	384
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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