



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 36 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 15, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 36 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 11,695. 19 are confirmed cases, and 17 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the deaths of two Comal County residents:

- New Braunfels woman in her 90's died at home on July 12
- New Braunfels man in his 80's died at a New Braunfels hospital on July 2

Total number of deceased is now 331.

There are 327 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 21 are hospitalized.

There are 33 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 11,037.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	29
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	1
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	8
20's	7
30's / 40's	11
50's / 60's	9
70 and older	1

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 24 COVID-19 patients; of those, five are in intensive care and one is on a ventilator today. 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 3.87%.**

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

- 116,039 tests conducted
- 6,262 confirmed cases
- 5,409 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 5.85%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 6.84%.**

Of the 11,695 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.)	8,310
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,675
South of Canyon Lake	668
North of Canyon Lake	567
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	420
Fair Oaks Ranch	55

**Comal County Public Health Department is now administering (Moderna) COVID-19 vaccines for those 18 and older as well as Pfizer vaccines for anyone 12 years old and older.**

**Those interested in receiving a vaccine can call 830.221.1150 to schedule an appointment.**

**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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