



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 78 new COVID-19 cases; 27 recoveries Active case number now 378**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 16, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 78 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 11,773. 49 are confirmed cases, and 29 are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains 331.

There are 378 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 17 are hospitalized.

“We have definitely seen some improvement, but we are not out of the woods yet,” said Comal County Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser. “COVID-19 numbers, including hospitalizations are climbing again and patients are younger than we have seen in the past. I would encourage everyone who has not received a COVID-19 vaccine to get vaccinated. Public Health is offering Pfizer for 12 years and older on Thursdays and Moderna for 18 years and older on Fridays.”

There are 27 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 11,064.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	57
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	7
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	6
20's	17
30's / 40's	31
50's / 60's	20
70 and older	4

On Friday, 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 4.06%.**

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

- 116,292 tests conducted
- 6,311 confirmed cases
- 5,438 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 7.68%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 7.22%.**

Of the 11,773 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.)	8,367
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,682
South of Canyon Lake	676
North of Canyon Lake	572
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	421
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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