



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 42 new COVID-19 cases; 85 recoveries; two deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 42 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 11,888. 23 are confirmed cases, and 19 are probable cases.

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

- New Braunfels man in his 70's passed away at a New Braunfels hospital on 7-11.
- New Braunfels woman in her 70's passed away at a New Braunfels hospital on 7-5.

Total number of deceased is now 334.

There are 378 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 18 are hospitalized.

There are 85 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 11,176.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	31
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	0
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	9
20's	5
30's / 40's	11
50's / 60's	13
70 and older	4

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 35 COVID-19 patients; of those, nine are in intensive care and three are on ventilators 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 4.55%.

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

- 117,299 tests conducted
- 6,385 confirmed cases
- 5,479 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 6.95%.

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

Of the 11,888 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.)	8,450
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,701
South of Canyon Lake	685
North of Canyon Lake	574
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	423
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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