



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 118 new COVID-19 cases; Active case count now 505

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 118 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 12,049. 92 are confirmed cases, and 26 are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains 334.

There are 505 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 21 are hospitalized. The last time Comal County had more than 500 active cases was February 12, 2021.

“Hospitalizations of COVID-19 patients are up in local hospitals. We’re also seeing more children who are presenting sicker with COVID-19,” said Comal County Director of Public Health Cheryl Fraser. “Being vaccinated is still the best way to protect yourself against the virus. You can make an appointment at our Public Health Clinic if you still have not received a COVID-19 vaccine.”

There are 32 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 11,210.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	60
N of Canyon Lake	15
S of Canyon Lake	20
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	20
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	19
20's	21
30's / 40's	33
50's / 60's	37
70 and older	6

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 28 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care and six 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 5.64%.

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

- 118,201 tests conducted
- 6,504 confirmed cases
- 5,521 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 11.38%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 7.08%.**

Of the 12,049 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.)	8,54
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,728
South of Canyon Lake	711
North of Canyon Lake	591
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	428
Fair Oaks Ranch	56

**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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