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**Comal County reports 59 new COVID-19 cases; 71 recoveries
Two cases of Delta variant confirmed**

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NEW BRAUNFELS – Comal County reports 59 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 12,577.

36 are confirmed cases, and 23 are probable cases.

Total number of deceased remains 335.

Public Health reports the first two confirmed cases of the Delta variant in Comal County. Results for samples sent out for testing take approximately three weeks. Both people, from New Braunfels, are now recovered.

There are 798 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 23 are hospitalized.

There are 71 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 11,444.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	38
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	6
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	8
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	23
20's	13
30's / 40's	12
50's / 60's	7
70 and older	4

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 54 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care and two 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 9.34%.

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

- 123,928 tests conducted
- 6,844 confirmed cases
- 5,709 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 11.85%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 7.82%.

Of the 12,577 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.)	8,867
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,819
South of Canyon Lake	761
North of Canyon Lake	632
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	441
Fair Oaks Ranch	57

Comal County Public Health Department is 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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