



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 116 new COVID-19 cases; 40 recoveries Active case count now 1,059

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 116 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 12,979. 73 are confirmed cases, and 43 are probable cases. Total number of deceased remains 341.

There are 1,059 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 29 are hospitalized.

“With our active cases at an all time high, over 1000, we want to encourage anyone who has not received a vaccine to consider it,” said Comal County Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser. “ Even though the vaccine is not 100% effective, it is the best defense we have to fight COVID-19. Wearing a mask, social distancing, good hand hygiene and staying home when you are sick are still very effective ways to protect yourself and others around you. This battle is not over yet and we cannot grow weary of well doing.”

There are 40 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 11,579.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	70
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	16
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	23
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	24
20's	21
30's / 40's	34
50's / 60's	28
70 and older	9

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 70 COVID-19 patients; of those, 13 are in intensive care and two are on ventilators. 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 12.18%.

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

- 126,589 tests conducted
- 7,114 confirmed cases
- 5,841 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 12.93%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.69%.

Of the 12,979 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.)	9,127
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,888
South of Canyon Lake	800
North of Canyon Lake	657
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	449
Fair Oaks Ranch	58

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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