



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 182 new COVID-19 cases; 118 recoveries; one death

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 182 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 13,161. 125 are confirmed cases, and 57 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a Garden Ridge man in his 80's. He passed away on July 18 at a hospital in San Antonio.

The total number of deceased is now 342.

There are 1,122 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.
Of those, 29 are hospitalized.

There are 118 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.
The total recovered is 11,697.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	113
N of Canyon Lake	14
S of Canyon Lake	19
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	11
Bulverde/Spring Branch	24
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	26 (Includes one infant under 12 months of age)
20's	25
30's / 40's	65
50's / 60's	55
70 and older	11

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 58 COVID-19 patients; of those, 14 are in intensive care and three 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 12.87%.

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

- 127,225 tests conducted
- 7,239 confirmed cases
- 5,898 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 15.68%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 13.82%.**

Of the 13,161 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.)	9,240
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	1,912
South of Canyon Lake	819
North of Canyon Lake	671
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	460
Fair Oaks Ranch	59

**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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