



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 89 new COVID-19 cases; one death 106 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 89 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,000. 51 are confirmed cases, and 38 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a New Braunfels woman in her 70’s. She passed away at a San Antonio hospital on August 8.

The total number of deceased is now 351.

There are 1,326 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 36 are hospitalized.

There are 106 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 12,323.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	48
N of Canyon Lake	5
S of Canyon Lake	7
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	28
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	13
20’s	16
30’s / 40’s	28
50’s / 60’s	22
70 and older	10

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 103 COVID-19 patients; of those, 22 are in intensive care and ten are on ventilators. Approximately 95% of these patients are unvaccinated. 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 18.36 %.

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.

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

- 133,991 tests conducted
- 7,705 confirmed cases
- 6,271 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 11.42 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 13.83 %.

Of the 14,000 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.)	9,785
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,060
South of Canyon Lake	881
North of Canyon Lake	730
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	482
Fair Oaks Ranch	62

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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