



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 115 new COVID-19 cases; one death 174 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 115 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,115. 42 are confirmed cases, and 73 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a Spring branch woman in her 60's. She passed away at a San Antonio hospital on August 2.

The total number of deceased is now 352.

There are 1,266 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 48 are hospitalized.

There are 174 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 12,497.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	74
N of Canyon Lake	7
S of Canyon Lake	11
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	23
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	13
20's	21
30's / 40's	37
50's / 60's	29
70 and older	14

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 109 COVID-19 patients; of those, 21 are in intensive care and ten are on ventilators. Approximately 92% 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 18.92 %.

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

- 136,408 tests conducted
- 7,747 confirmed cases
- 6,344 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 7.54 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 11.96 %.

Of the 14,115 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.)	9,859
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,083
South of Canyon Lake	892
North of Canyon Lake	737
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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