



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 218 new COVID-19 cases; one death 116 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 218 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,333. 170 are confirmed cases, and 48 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a New Braunfels man in his 50's. He passed away at home on August 11. The total number of deceased is now 353.

There are 1,367 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 41 are hospitalized.

There are 116 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 12,613.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	146
N of Canyon Lake	15
S of Canyon Lake	13
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	5
Bulverde/Spring Branch	38
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	40 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	47
30's / 40's	71
50's / 60's	50
70 and older	10

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 93 COVID-19 patients; of those, 20 are in intensive care and nine are on ventilators. Approximately 93% 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 19.99 %.

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

- 137,267 tests conducted
- 7,917 confirmed cases
- 6,392 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 9.20 %.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 11.42 %.

Of the 14,333 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.)	10,005
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,121
South of Canyon Lake	905
North of Canyon Lake	752
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	487
Fair Oaks Ranch	63

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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