



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 173 new COVID-19 cases; one death 202 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 19, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 173 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,506. 143 are confirmed cases, and 30 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a New Braunfels man in his 70's. He passed away at a New Braunfels hospital on August 17.

The total number of deceased is now 354.

There are 1,337 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 25 are hospitalized.

There are 202 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 12,815.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	111
N of Canyon Lake	11
S of Canyon Lake	14
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	10
Bulverde/Spring Branch	26
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	37 (includes two infants under 12 months of age)
20's	24
30's / 40's	55
50's / 60's	50
70 and older	7

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 93 COVID-19 patients; of those, 24 are in intensive care and 16 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 19.98 %.**

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

- 138,398 tests conducted
- 8,060 confirmed cases
- 6,422 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 12.4 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 9.33 %.**

Of the 14,506 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.)	10,116
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,147
South of Canyon Lake	919
North of Canyon Lake	763
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	497
Fair Oaks Ranch	64

**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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