



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 195 new COVID-19 cases; 155 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 195 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,701. 143 are confirmed cases, and 52 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains 354.

There are 1,377 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.
Of those, 31 are hospitalized.
There are 155 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.
The total recovered is 12,970.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	118
N of Canyon Lake	15
S of Canyon Lake	16
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	9
Bulverde/Spring Branch	35
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	30 (includes three infants under 12 months of age)
20's	34
30's / 40's	67
50's / 60's	47
70 and older	17

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 88 COVID-19 patients; of those, 23 are in intensive care and 15 are on ventilators.

Approximately 90% 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 20.36 %.

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

- 138,996 tests conducted
- 8,203 confirmed cases
- 6,474 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 14.7 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 9.3 %.

Of the 14,701 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.)	10,234
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,182
South of Canyon Lake	935
North of Canyon Lake	778
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	506
Fair Oaks Ranch	66

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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