



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 187 new COVID-19 cases; 110 recoveries

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 23, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 187 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 14,888. 133 are confirmed cases, and 54 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains 354.

There are 1,454 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 31 are hospitalized. There are 110 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 13,080.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	105
N of Canyon Lake	18
S of Canyon Lake	23
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	7
Bulverde/Spring Branch	32
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	42 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	25
30's / 40's	64
50's / 60's	41
70 and older	15

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 88 COVID-19 patients; of those, 22 are in intensive care and 13 are on ventilators.

Approximately 91% 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 20.89 %.**

**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:

- 139,832 tests conducted
- 8,336 confirmed cases
- 6,528 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 17.6 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 11.64 %.**

Of the 14,888 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.)	10,339
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,214
South of Canyon Lake	958
North of Canyon Lake	796
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	513
Fair Oaks Ranch	68

**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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