



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 170 new COVID-19 cases; six deaths 173 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 170 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 15,058. 106 are confirmed cases, and 64 are probable cases.

Comal County Public Health also confirms the deaths of six Comal County residents:

- A NB man in his 70s on 8/18/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB man in his 60s on 8/22/2021 at home
- A NB woman in her 70s on 8/18/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB man in his 80s on 8/21/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB man in his 70s on 8/23/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 50s on 8/23/2021 at NB hospital.

The total number of deceased is now 360.

Today's numbers include cases reported over the weekend.

There are 1,445 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 53 are hospitalized.

There are 173 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 13,253.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	111
N of Canyon Lake	10
S of Canyon Lake	14
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	3
Bulverde/Spring Branch	32
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	26 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	20
30's / 40's	60
50's / 60's	48
70 and older	16

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 97 COVID-19 patients; of those, 26 are in intensive care and 19 are on ventilators.

Approximately 95% 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 21.14 %.

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:

- 141,589 tests conducted
- 8,442 confirmed cases
- 6,592 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 15.49 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 11 %.

Of the 15,058 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.)	10,450
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,246
South of Canyon Lake	972
North of Canyon Lake	806
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	516
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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