



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 177 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths 83 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: August 25, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS*— Comal County reports 177 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 15,235. 103 are confirmed cases, and 74 are probable cases.

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

- A Canyon Lake man in his 40s on 8/23/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 70s on 8/19/2021 at Seguin hospital

The total number of deceased is now 362.

There are 1,537 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 55 are hospitalized.

There are 83 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 13,336.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	97
N of Canyon Lake	18
S of Canyon Lake	23
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	8
Bulverde/Spring Branch	30
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	32 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	30
30's / 40's	72
50's / 60's	30
70 and older	13

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 88 COVID-19 patients; of those, 18 are in intensive care and 12 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 22.05 %.**

*“The hospitals are finding that most of the COVID patients are unvaccinated and very ill,” said Comal County Public Health Director Cheryl Fraser. “This puts a real burden on an already strained and understaffed healthcare system.”*

**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:

- 142,853 tests conducted
- 8,545 confirmed cases
- 6,666 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 16.70 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 10.35 %.**

Of the 15,235 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.)	10,547
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,276
South of Canyon Lake	995
North of Canyon Lake	824
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	524
Fair Oaks Ranch	69

**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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