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**Comal County reports 83 new COVID-19 cases; 91 recoveries
Six deaths**

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 83 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 15,318. 51 are confirmed cases, and 32 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 50s on 7/28/2021 at SA hospital
 - A Bulverde man in his 50s on 8/10/2021 at SA hospital
 - A NB man in his 60s on 8/24/2021 at NB hospital
 - A NB man in his 60s on 8/24/2021 at NB hospital
 - A NB woman in her 80s on 8/24/2021 at NB hospital
 - A NB man in his 70s on 8/25/2021 at NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 368.

There are currently 1,523 active confirmed and probable cases in Comal County.

Of those, 40 are hospitalized.

There are 91 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 13,427.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	55
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	13
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	14 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	10
30's / 40's	27
50's / 60's	21
70 and older	11

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 81 COVID-19 patients; of those, 21 are in intensive care and 19 are on ventilators.

Approximately 98% 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 21.13 %.

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:

- 144,293 tests conducted
- 8,596 confirmed cases
- 6,698 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 21.43 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 9.05%.

Of the 15,318 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.)	10,602
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,289
South of Canyon Lake	1,003
North of Canyon Lake	830
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	525
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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