



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 156 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths 108 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 156 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 15,659. 107 are confirmed cases, and 49 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 80s on 8/25/2021 at NB hospital
- A Spring Branch man in his 80s on 8/23/2021 at SA hospital

The total number of deceased is now 371.

There are 1,557 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 28 are hospitalized.

There are 108 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 13,731.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	85
N of Canyon Lake	15
S of Canyon Lake	13
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	8
Bulverde/Spring Branch	33
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	26
20's	21
30's / 40's	60
50's / 60's	36
70 and older	13

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 73 COVID-19 patients; of those, 19 are in intensive care, and 14 are on ventilators.

Approximately 97% 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 19.16%.

Comal County Public Health Department is administering Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for those 18 and older and Pfizer vaccines for anyone 12 years old and older. Those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised and qualify for a 3rd dose can also call to schedule an appointment for a vaccine. Appointments can be made by calling 830.221.1150.

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

- 146,601 tests conducted
- 8,838 confirmed cases
- 6,797 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 14.80%.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.73 %.**

Of the 15,659 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.)	10,803
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,351
South of Canyon Lake	1,030
North of Canyon Lake	866
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	537
Fair Oaks Ranch	72

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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