



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 146 new COVID-19 cases; four deaths 170 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 146 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 15,934. 75 are confirmed cases, and 71 are probable cases.

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

- A Canyon Lake woman in her 80s on 8/27/2021 @ NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 80s on 8/27/2021 at home
- A NB man in his 80s on 8/26/2021 at NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 80s on 8/17/2021 @NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 376.

There are 1,440 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 29 are hospitalized.

There are 170 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 14,118.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	86
N of Canyon Lake	11
S of Canyon Lake	7
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	7
Bulverde/Spring Branch	34
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	48 (includes two infants under 12 months old)
20's	13
30's / 40's	43
50's / 60's	32
70 and older	10

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 87 COVID-19 patients; of those, 25 are in intensive care, and 17 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 19.36%.

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

- 150,188 tests conducted
- 9,007 confirmed cases
- 6,903 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 13.64%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 6.97 %.

Of the 15,934 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.)	10,970
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,418
South of Canyon Lake	1,042
North of Canyon Lake	883
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	548
Fair Oaks Ranch	73

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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