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**Comal County reports 81 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths**

**185 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 3, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 81 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 16,015.

63 are confirmed cases, and 18 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 80 on 8/17/2021 at home
- A Canyon Lake man in his 70s on 8/24/2021 at home

The total number of deceased is now 378.

There are 1,344 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 31 are hospitalized.

There are 185 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 14,303.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	53
N of Canyon Lake	8
S of Canyon Lake	8
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0

Bulverde/Spring Branch	12
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	17
20's	15
30's / 40's	21
50's / 60's	15
70 and older	13

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 83 COVID-19 patients; of those, 22 are in intensive care, and 17 are on ventilators.

Approximately 99% 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 3<sup>rd</sup> dose can also call to schedule an appointment for a vaccine.**

**Appointments can be made by calling 830.221.1150.**

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

- 150,708 tests conducted
- 9,070 confirmed cases
- 6,921 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 13.69%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 6.34%.**

Of the 16,015 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.)	11,023
Western Comal County	2,430

(Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	
South of Canyon Lake	1,050
North of Canyon Lake	891
Southern Comal County	548
(Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	
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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