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**Comal County reports 201 new COVID-19 cases; four deaths
192 recoveries**

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 201 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 16,216. 111 are confirmed cases, and 90 are probable cases.

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

- A Spring Branch man in his 50s on 8/18/2021 in a SA hospital
- A NB man in his 80s on 8/5/2021 in a NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 80s died 8/31/2021 in a Seguin hospital
- A NB man in his 60s died 9/2/2021 in a Irving hospital

The total number of deceased is now 382.

There are 1,339 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 22 are hospitalized. There are 192 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 14,495.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	112
N of Canyon Lake	14
S of Canyon Lake	19
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	53
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	51 (includes an infant under 12 months old)
20's	30
30's / 40's	56
50's / 60's	48
70 and older	16

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 70 COVID-19 patients; of those, 21 are in intensive care, and 16 are on ventilators.

Approximately 95% 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 18.7%.

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:

- 151,814 tests conducted
- 9,181 confirmed cases
- 7,011 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 13.74%.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.58 %.

Of the 16,216 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.)	11,135
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,483
South of Canyon Lake	1,069
North of Canyon Lake	905
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	550
Fair Oaks Ranch	74

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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