



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 163 new COVID-19 cases; five deaths 331 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 163 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 16,379. 76 are confirmed cases, and 87 are probable cases.

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

- A NB woman in her 60s on 8/27/2021 in a SA hospital
- A NB woman in her 80s on 8/23/2021 in a SA hospital
- A NB man in his 70s on 8/23/2021 in a NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 40s on 8/30/2021 in a NB hospital
- A Bulverde man in his 70s on 8/23/2021 at home

The total number of deceased is now 387.

There are 1,166 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 21 are hospitalized.

There are 331 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 14,826.

Today's numbers include all data submitted over the Labor Day weekend.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	91
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	19
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	11
Bulverde/Spring Branch	35
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	63 (includes an infant under 12 months old)
20's	18
30's / 40's	42
50's / 60's	30
70 and older	10

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 74 COVID-19 patients; of those, 21 are in intensive care, and 17 are on ventilators.

Approximately 94% 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 18.71%.

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

- 154,702 tests conducted
- 9,257 confirmed cases
- 7,098 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 11.16 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.47 %.

Of the 16,379 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.)	11,226
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,518
South of Canyon Lake	1,088
North of Canyon Lake	911
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	561
Fair Oaks Ranch	75

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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