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**Comal County reports 158 new COVID-19 cases; three deaths  
83 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 10, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 158 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 16,765.

88 are confirmed cases, and 70 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 30s on 8/28/2021 at a SA hospital
  - A South Comal County woman in her 30s on 9/1/2021 at a SA hospital
  - A Canyon Lake woman in her 70s on 9/9/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 392.

There are 1,383 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 28 are hospitalized.

There are 83 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 14,989.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	92
N of Canyon Lake	8
S of Canyon Lake	22
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	2
Bulverde/Spring Branch	32
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:

Under 20	58 (includes an infant under 12 months old)
20's	19
30's / 40's	39
50's / 60's	32
70 and older	10

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 79 COVID-19 patients; of those, 23 are in intensive care, and 15 are on ventilators.

Approximately 96% 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 17.87%.**

**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:

- 157,642 tests conducted
- 9,485 confirmed cases
- 7,256 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 13.47%.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 7.27 %.**

Of the 16,765 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.)	11,437
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,606
South of Canyon Lake	1,135
North of Canyon Lake	937
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	571
Fair Oaks Ranch	79

**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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