



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 160 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths 149 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 21, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS*— Comal County reports 160 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 17,922. 87 are confirmed cases, and 73 are probable cases.

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

- A NB woman in her 50s on 8/30/2021 at a NB hospital
- A Spring Branch man in his 80s on 9/10/2021 at home

The total number of deceased is now 407.

There are 1,576 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 40 are hospitalized.

There are 149 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 15,939.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	93
N of Canyon Lake	11
S of Canyon Lake	18
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	8
Bulverde/Spring Branch	29
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	40 (includes one infant under 12 months of age)
20's	19
30's / 40's	58
50's / 60's	33
70 and older	11

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 53 COVID-19 patients; of those, 15 are in intensive care, and 9 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 13.38%.**

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

- 167,875 tests conducted
- 10,228 confirmed cases
- 7,670 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 12.69 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.60 %.**

Of the 17, 922 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.)	12,090
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,878
South of Canyon Lake	1,241
North of Canyon Lake	1,030
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	601
Fair Oaks Ranch	82

**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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