



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 82 new COVID-19 cases; 232 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 82 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,004. 54 are confirmed cases, and 28 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains 407.

There are 1,426 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 41 are hospitalized. There are 232 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 16,171.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	47
N of Canyon Lake	8
S of Canyon Lake	7
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	4
Bulverde/Spring Branch	16
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	24 (includes one infant under 12 months of age)
20's	7
30's / 40's	31
50's / 60's	13
70 and older	7

On Wednesday, 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 13.71%.

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:

- 168,596 tests conducted
- 10,282 confirmed cases
- 7,698 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 10.79 %.
The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.63 %.

Of the 18,004 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.)	12,137
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,894
South of Canyon Lake	1,248
North of Canyon Lake	1,038
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	605
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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