



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 39 new COVID-19 cases; 151 recoveries; Three deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 39 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,043. 28 are confirmed cases, and 11 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 80s on 9/18/2021 at home
- A NB man in his 60s on 9/14/2021 at a NB hospital
- A Bulverde man in his 60s on 9/9/2021 at a SA hospital

The total number of deceased is now 410.

There are 1,311 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 40 are hospitalized.

There are 151 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 16,322.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	21
N of Canyon Lake	3
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	13
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	10
20's	2
30's / 40's	12
50's / 60's	12
70 and older	3

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 49 COVID-19 patients; of those, 16 are in intensive care, and 10 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 13.62%.

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

- 169,046 tests conducted
- 10,310 confirmed cases
- 7,709 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 10.97 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 7.93 %.

Of the 18,043 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.)	12,158
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,907
South of Canyon Lake	1,250
North of Canyon Lake	1,041
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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