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Comal County reports 124 new COVID-19 cases; 182 recoveries; 10 deaths

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 28, 2021:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 124 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,314. 112 are confirmed cases, and 12 are probable cases.

Comal County Public Health also confirms the deaths of 10 Comal County residents:

- A NB woman in her 50s on 8/17/2021 at home
- A Spring Branch man in his 60s on 8/29/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A Garden Ridge woman in her 60s on 9/6/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A Spring Branch man in his 60s on 9/12/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A NB woman in her 40s on 9/15/2021 at a NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 50s on 9/16/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A NB man in his 80s on 9/19/2021 at home
- A NB woman in her 70s on 9/20/2021 at home
- A Canyon Lake man in his 80s on 9/20/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A NB woman in her 40s on 9/27/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is 420.

Today’s data is information obtained over a four day period due to a County holiday on September 24.

There are 1,157 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 46 are hospitalized.

There are 182 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 16,737.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	61

N of Canyon Lake	13
S of Canyon Lake	18
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	7
Bulverde/Spring Branch	24
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	37
20's	13
30's / 40's	35
50's / 60's	29
70 and older	10

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 49 COVID-19 patients; of those, 16 are in intensive care, and nine are on ventilators.

Approximately 90% 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 11.72%.

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

- 172,347 tests conducted
- 10,511 confirmed cases
- 7,779 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.76 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.00 %.

Of the 18,314 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

Location:	Number of cases total:
New Braunsfels (Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.)	12,299
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,960
South of Canyon Lake	1,280
North of Canyon Lake	1,069
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	623
Fair Oaks Ranch	83

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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