



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 134 new COVID-19 cases; 211 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 134 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,448. 55 are confirmed cases and 79 are probable cases. Two are backlogged cases being added to County data. There are no deaths to report today. The total number of deceased is 420.

There are 1,080 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.
 Of those, 46 are hospitalized.
 There are 211 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.
 The total recovered is 16,948.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	87
N of Canyon Lake	7
S of Canyon Lake	12
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	22
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	37
20's	25
30's / 40's	35
50's / 60's	25
70 and older	12

On Wednesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 44 COVID-19 patients; of those, 12 are in intensive care, and nine are on ventilators.

Approximately 89% 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 11.88 %.

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

- 173,498 tests conducted
- 10,566 confirmed cases
- 7,858 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 10.71 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Wednesday in Comal County is 8.85 %.

Of the 18,448 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.)	12,386
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,982
South of Canyon Lake	1,292
North of Canyon Lake	1,076
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	629
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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