



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 53 new COVID-19 cases; 188 recoveries; Four deaths

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 134 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,501. 37 are confirmed cases and 16 are probable cases.

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

- A Spring Branch woman in her 70s on 9/21/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A Spring Branch man in his 40s on 9/21/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A Bulverde man in his 70s on 9/16/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A NB woman in her 90s on 9/14/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 424.

There are 941 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 29 are hospitalized.

There are 188 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 17,136.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	34
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	10
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	11
20's	5
30's / 40's	19
50's / 60's	10
70 and older	8

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 45 COVID-19 patients; of those, 14 are in intensive care, and 10 are on ventilators.

Approximately 93% 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 11.94 %.

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

- 174, 237 tests conducted
- 10,603 confirmed cases
- 7,874 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 9.82 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 8.00 %.

Of the 18,501 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.)	12,420
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,992
South of Canyon Lake	1,294
North of Canyon Lake	1,082
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	630
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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