



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### **Comal County reports 50 new COVID-19 cases; one death; 101 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 4, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS*— Comal County reports 50 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,618. 27 are confirmed cases and 23 are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a Spring Branch man in his 50s. He passed away at a San Antonio hospital on 9-25-2021.

The total number of deceased is now 427.

There are 875 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 29 are hospitalized.

There are 101 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 17,316.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	36
N of Canyon Lake	2
S of Canyon Lake	2
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	9
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	19
20's	6
30's / 40's	10
50's / 60's	13
70 and older	2

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 38 COVID-19 patients; of those, 14 are in intensive care, and 11 are on ventilators. Approximately 91% 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 9.25 %.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> dose can also call to schedule an appointment for a vaccine. Appointments can be made by calling 830.221.1150.**

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

- 175,698 tests conducted
- 10,670 confirmed cases
- 7,924 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 9.46 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 8.29 %.**

Of the 18,618 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.)	12,496
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	3,019
South of Canyon Lake	1,301
North of Canyon Lake	1,087
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	631
Fair Oaks Ranch	84

**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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