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**Comal County reports 120 new COVID-19 cases; three deaths;
153 recoveries**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 5, 2021:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 120 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,738. 82 are confirmed cases and 38 are probable cases.

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

- A Bulverde woman in her 70s on 9/19/2021 at a SA hospital
- A NB man in his 60s on 9/24/2021 at a NB hospital
- A NB woman in her 50s on 9/26/2021 at a NB hospital

The total number of deceased is now 430.

There are 839 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 28 are hospitalized.

There are 153 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 17,469.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	74
N of Canyon Lake	6
S of Canyon Lake	15
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	22
Fair Oaks	2

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	29
20's	15
30's / 40's	33
50's / 60's	31
70 and older	12

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 37 COVID-19 patients; of those, 13 are in intensive care, and 11 are on ventilators. Approximately 92% 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 9.89 %.

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:

- 176,450 tests conducted
- 10,752 confirmed cases
- 7,962 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.93 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 9.69 %.

Of the 18,738 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.)	12,570
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	3,041
South of Canyon Lake	1,316
North of Canyon Lake	1,093
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	632
Fair Oaks Ranch	86

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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