



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 24 new COVID-19 cases; 74 recoveries; One death

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 24 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 18,854. 16 are confirmed cases and eight are probable cases.

Public Health also confirms the death of a Bulverde man in his 70's. He passed away at a San Antonio hospital on September 27.

The total number of deceased is now 435.

There are 745 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 15 are hospitalized.

There are 74 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 17,674.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	13
N of Canyon Lake	4
S of Canyon Lake	1
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	6
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	7 (includes an infant under 12 months of age)
20's	2
30's / 40's	6
50's / 60's	6
70 and older	3

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 30 COVID-19 patients; of those, 10 are in intensive care, and 11 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 8.98 %.

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

- 180,181 tests conducted
- 10,817 confirmed cases
- 8,013 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 5.94 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 6.0 %.

Of the 18,854 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.)	12,648
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	3,060
South of Canyon Lake	1,321
North of Canyon Lake	1,102
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	636
Fair Oaks Ranch	87

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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