



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 34 new COVID-19 cases; 66 recoveries

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 15, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 34 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 19,094. 19 are confirmed cases and 15 are probable cases. The total number of deceased is 439.

There are 542 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 21 are hospitalized. There are 66 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 18,113.

| Region:                       | Number of new cases: |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Braunfels                 | 21                   |
| N of Canyon Lake              | 2                    |
| S of Canyon Lake              | 7                    |
| S Comal County (Garden Ridge) | 0                    |
| Bulverde/Spring Branch        | 4                    |
| Fair Oaks                     | 0                    |

| Age Range:   | Number of new cases: |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Under 20     | 4                    |
| 20's         | 6                    |
| 30's / 40's  | 14                   |
| 50's / 60's  | 6                    |
| 70 and older | 4                    |

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 16 COVID-19 patients; of those, six are in intensive care, and three are on ventilators. Approximately 88% 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 7.0 %.**

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

- 184,387 tests conducted
- 10,981 confirmed cases
- 8,089 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 5.03 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 4.95 %.**

Of the 19,094 confirmed and probable COVID-19 cases in Comal County, the location breakdown is:

| Location:   | Number of cases total: |
|---|------------------------|
| New Braunfels<br>(Includes Eastern and Central Comal Co.)     | 12,795                 |
| Western Comal County<br>(Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch) | 3,099                  |
| South of Canyon Lake  | 1,341                  |
| North of Canyon Lake  | 1,123                  |
| Southern Comal County<br>(Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)  | 648                    |
| Fair Oaks Ranch   | 88                     |

**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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