



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 23 new COVID-19 cases; 49 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 23 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 19,117. 16 are confirmed cases and seven are probable cases. The total number of deceased is 439.

There are 516 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 21 are hospitalized. There are 49 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 18,162.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	16
N of Canyon Lake	0
S of Canyon Lake	3
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	4
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	2
20's	6
30's / 40's	7
50's / 60's	6
70 and older	2

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for nine COVID-19 patients; of those, three are in intensive care, and three are on ventilators. Approximately 85% 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 6.0 %.

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 3rd 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:

- 184,743 tests conducted
- 10,997 confirmed cases
- 8,096 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 5.34 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 6.08 %.

Of the 19,117 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.)	12,811
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	3,103
South of Canyon Lake	1,344
North of Canyon Lake	1,123
Southern Comal County (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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