



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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**Comal County reports 79 new COVID-19 cases; 113 recoveries;  
 Three deaths**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: October 19, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS*— Comal County reports 79 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 19,196. 42 are confirmed cases and 37 are probable cases.

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

- A Garden Ridge man in his 70s on 9/29/2021 at a San Antonio hospital
- A Canyon Lake woman in her 40s on 10/12/2021 at a San Marcos hospital
- A New Braunfels woman in her 70s on 10/6/2021 at a New Braunfels hospital

The total number of deceased is now 442.

There are 479 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 25 are hospitalized.

There are 113 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 18,275.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	54
N of Canyon Lake	3
S of Canyon Lake	11
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	0
Bulverde/Spring Branch	11
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	12
20's	9
30's / 40's	30
50's / 60's	21
70 and older	7

On Tuesday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 15 COVID-19 patients; of those, two are in intensive care, and two are on ventilators. Approximately 89% 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 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 Tuesday, Public Health has received reports of the following test information:

- 186,173 tests conducted
- 11,039 confirmed cases
- 8,133 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 5.22 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Tuesday in Comal County is 6.87 %.**

Of the 19,196 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.)	12,865
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	3,114
South of Canyon Lake	1,355
North of Canyon Lake	1,126
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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