



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 175 new COVID-19 cases; two deaths 140 recoveries

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NEW BRAUNFELS— Comal County reports 175 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 17,579. 83 are confirmed cases, and 92 are probable cases.

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

- A NB man in his 90s on 9/3/2021 at home
- A NB man in his 60s on 9/6/2021 at a Austin hospital

The total number of deceased is now 404.

There are 1,661 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today.

Of those, 28 are hospitalized.

There are 140 COVID-19 recoveries to report today.

The total recovered is 15,514.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	110
N of Canyon Lake	9
S of Canyon Lake	12
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	38
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	67
20's	14
30's / 40's	58
50's / 60's	27
70 and older	9

On Thursday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 44 COVID-19 patients; of those, nine are in intensive care, and eight are on ventilators.

Approximately 93% 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 16.41%.

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

- 162,474 tests conducted
- 10,032 confirmed cases
- 7,523 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 15.72 %.

The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Thursday in Comal County is 9.75 %.

Of the 17,579 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.)	11,895
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,818
South of Canyon Lake	1,196
North of Canyon Lake	1,004
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	586
Fair Oaks Ranch	80

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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