



# COMAL COUNTY

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## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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### Comal County reports 81 new COVID-19 cases; one death 79 recoveries

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 17, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS* — Comal County reports 81 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 17,660. 54 are confirmed cases, and 27 are probable cases. Public Health also confirms the death of a New Braunfels woman in her 60s. She passed away at home on September 9. The total number of deceased is now 405.

There are 1,662 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 30 are hospitalized. There are 79 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 15,593.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	42
N of Canyon Lake	8
S of Canyon Lake	13
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	1
Bulverde/Spring Branch	17
Fair Oaks	0

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	28
20's	4
30's / 40's	23
50's / 60's	19
70 and older	7

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 46 COVID-19 patients; of those, 12 are in intensive care, and seven are on ventilators. Approximately 94% 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 15.88%.**

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

- 165,454 tests conducted
- 10,086 confirmed cases
- 7,550 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 15.78 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Friday in Comal County is 8.21 %.**

Of the 17,660 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.)	11,937
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,835
South of Canyon Lake	1,209
North of Canyon Lake	1,012
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	587
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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