



# COMAL COUNTY

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

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**Comal County reports 102 new COVID-19 cases;  
197 recoveries**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 20, 2021:**

*NEW BRAUNFELS*— Comal County reports 102 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 17,762. 55 are confirmed cases, and 47 are probable cases. The total number of deceased remains 405.

There are 1,567 active confirmed and probable cases in the County today. Of those, 29 are hospitalized. There are 197 COVID-19 recoveries to report today. The total recovered is 15,790.

Region:	Number of new cases:
New Braunfels	60
N of Canyon Lake	7
S of Canyon Lake	14
S Comal County (Garden Ridge)	6
Bulverde/Spring Branch	14
Fair Oaks	1

Age Range:	Number of new cases:
Under 20	39 (including an infant under 12 months)
20's	12
30's / 40's	31
50's / 60's	20
70 and older	0

On Monday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 63 COVID-19 patients; of those, 19 are in intensive care, and 11 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 13.9%.**

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

- 166,582 tests conducted
- 10,141 confirmed cases
- 7,597 probable cases
- 24 suspect cases

**The seven-day Molecular positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 13.41 %.**

**The seven-day Antigen positivity rate for Monday in Comal County is 10.08 %.**

Of the 17,762 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.)	11,997
Western Comal County (Includes Bulverde and Spring Branch)	2,849
South of Canyon Lake	1,223
North of Canyon Lake	1,019
Southern Comal County (Includes Garden Ridge and Schertz)	593
Fair Oaks Ranch	81

**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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