



COMAL COUNTY

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Comal County reports 266 new COVID-19 cases; one death Two Omicron variant cases confirmed

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County reports 266 new COVID-19 cases today, bringing the County total to 22,285. Two of the confirmed cases are the Omicron variant.

“Public health has received two confirmed cases of the Omicron variant. That doesn’t mean there are only two cases of the variant, it just means that two of the samples submitted for variant testing were positive for the Omicron variant,” said Comal County Epidemiologist Connie Alaniz.

“Identifying a variant requires additional testing, which is done on a random sample of specimens sent to public health laboratories. According to DSHS, the Omicron variant now accounts for the majority of COVID-19 cases in the United States, so if you have a positive COVID-19 test, it is likely the Omicron variant. “

Public Health also confirms the death of a New Braunfels man in his 50’s. He passed away on December 27 at a New Braunfels hospital.

The total number of deceased is now 496.

On Friday, Comal County hospitals reported caring for 39 COVID-19 patients; of those, eight are in intensive care and four are on ventilators.

Approximately 81% of these patients are unvaccinated.

Not all COVID positive patients hospitalized in Comal County are necessarily county residents.

New Cases on 1-7-22	266
Total Cases	22,285
Currently Hospitalized in Comal County	39
Deaths reported on 1-7-22	1
Total Deceased	486
Fully Vaccinated in Comal County	61.90 %

Comal County Public Health Department is administering Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for those 18 and older and Pfizer vaccines for anyone five years old and older. Booster vaccines are also available. Appointments can be made by calling 830.221.1150 . Please be patient as call volume is extremely high.

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