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NEWS RELEASE

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Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Five deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 117 newly reported positive cases. Of the five deceased individuals, five were not vaccinated.

**Due to differences in data processing, timing, and methodology, there may be discrepancies between the information presented in this report and the Texas DSHS dashboard.*

COVID-19 positive case total for Tuesday		117
Confirmed	18	
Probable	49	
Suspect	50	
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County		116,762
Confirmed	68,277	
Probable	45,880	
Suspect	2,605	
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals		110
Adult	96	
Pediatric	14	
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units		51
Adult	47	
Pediatric	4	
Number Released from isolation Tuesday		159
Total released from isolation		112,582
Number of fatalities reported Tuesday		5
Total number of fatalities		3,418
Net active cases		762
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered		684,455
Total number of tests that are positive		116,762
Total number of tests that are negative		566,855
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases		1
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases		5
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff		641
Total COVID-19 Positive Students		3,095
Total TDEM Patients Infused		1,331



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Hidalgo County uses the case status definition provided by the Texas Department of State Health Service's 2020 Epi Case Criteria Guide revised November 2020.

1. *Confirmed: A person who has tested positive through a molecular or PCR (oral or nasal swabs) test that looks for the presence of the virus's genetic material.*
2. *Probable: A person who meets presumptive laboratory evidence through detection of COVID-19 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen.*
3. *Suspect: A person who meets supported laboratory evidence through detection of specific antibodies in serum, plasma, whole body, and no prior history of being confirmed or probable case.*

For more information of case status definition for COVID-19, please refer to:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/IDCU/investigation/epi-case-criteria-guide/2020-Epi-Case-Criteria-Guide.pdf>

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	50s	Male	Donna
2	40s	Female	Hidalgo
3	30s	Male	McAllen
4	40s	Male	Mission
5	30s	Female	Weslaco

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	26
12-19	13
20s	18
30s	15
40s	12
50s	17
60s	10
70+	6
Total:	117



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	Age Range	Gender	City		Age Range	Gender	City
1	0-19	M	Alamo	60	20s	M	Mission
2	20s	M	Alamo	61	30s	M	Mission
3	30s	M	Alamo	62	30s	M	Mission
4	0-19	F	Alton	63	40s	M	Mission
5	20s	M	Alton	64	40s	F	Mission
6	0-19	M	Donna	65	40s	F	Mission
7	0-19	M	Donna	66	40s	M	Mission
8	30s	F	Donna	67	50s	F	Mission
9	0-19	M	Edinburg	68	50s	F	Mission
10	0-19	M	Edinburg	69	50s	M	Mission
11	0-19	F	Edinburg	70	50s	F	Mission
12	20s	M	Edinburg	71	50s	F	Mission
13	20s	F	Edinburg	72	50s	M	Mission
14	30s	M	Edinburg	73	50s	F	Mission
15	40s	M	Edinburg	74	50s	M	Mission
16	40s	F	Edinburg	75	50s	M	Mission
17	40s	M	Edinburg	76	60s	M	Mission
18	40s	F	Edinburg	77	60s	F	Mission
19	60s	M	Edinburg	78	60s	F	Mission
20	70+	F	Edinburg	79	60s	F	Mission
21	0-19	F	McAllen	80	60s	F	Mission
22	0-19	F	McAllen	81	60s	M	Mission
23	0-19	F	McAllen	82	70+	M	Mission
24	0-19	F	McAllen	83	0-19	M	Pharr
25	0-19	F	McAllen	84	0-19	F	Pharr
26	0-19	M	McAllen	85	0-19	M	Pharr
27	20s	M	McAllen	86	0-19	M	Pharr
28	20s	M	McAllen	87	0-19	M	Pharr
29	20s	F	McAllen	88	0-19	M	Pharr
30	30s	F	McAllen	89	20s	F	Pharr
31	30s	M	McAllen	90	20s	M	Pharr
32	30s	M	McAllen	91	30s	F	Pharr
33	30s	F	McAllen	92	30s	M	Pharr
34	40s	M	McAllen	93	50s	F	Pharr
35	40s	M	McAllen	94	50s	M	Pharr
36	50s	F	McAllen	95	50s	F	Pharr



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37	50s	F	McAllen	96	20s	F	San Juan
38	60s	F	McAllen	97	20s	F	San Juan
39	60s	F	McAllen	98	30s	M	San Juan
40	70+	M	McAllen	99	40s	M	San Juan
41	70+	F	McAllen	100	50s	F	San Juan
42	70+	M	McAllen	101	50s	F	San Juan
43	0-19	M	Mercedes	102	0-19	F	Undisclosed
44	0-19	M	Mercedes	103	0-19	M	Undisclosed
45	0-19	F	Mercedes	104	0-19	F	Undisclosed
46	0-19	M	Mercedes	105	20s	F	Undisclosed
47	0-19	M	Mercedes	106	20s	M	Undisclosed
48	0-19	F	Mercedes	107	30s	M	Undisclosed
49	0-19	M	Mercedes	108	70+	F	Undisclosed
50	20s	F	Mercedes	109	0-19	M	Weslaco
51	0-19	M	Mission	110	0-19	M	Weslaco
52	0-19	F	Mission	111	0-19	F	Weslaco
53	0-19	F	Mission	112	0-19	F	Weslaco
54	0-19	M	Mission	113	30s	F	Weslaco
55	0-19	F	Mission	114	30s	M	Weslaco
56	0-19	M	Mission	115	40s	F	Weslaco
57	20s	F	Mission	116	50s	F	Weslaco
58	20s	M	Mission	117	60s	F	Weslaco
59	20s	F	Mission				

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