



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Two more people in Hidalgo County have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus**

**EDINBURG** – Two more people in Hidalgo County have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus bringing the total number of positive cases to 11, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Thursday evening.

“We were expecting an increase in the number of cases and we are now beginning to see this,” Judge Cortez said. “This will be more true as we begin to ramp up testing capabilities.”

Hidalgo County health officials have already begun working with the patients who have tested positive to determine what contact they have had with the community. Those people who may have been exposed to this strain of coronavirus will be contacted by health officials. The mayors of the affected communities have also been contacted so that additional local measures can be put in place if necessary.

Each of the two people have been placed in isolation at their homes, Cortez said. They include: a San Juan woman, age 61; and a Pharr woman, age 48.

Because of the investigation into these cases is at a preliminary stage, no further information will be provided on Thursday. Because testing results are now coming in throughout the day, the Hidalgo County Office of Public Affairs will be releasing information daily instead of on a case-by-case basis. We anticipate sending out the updates during the 4 p.m. hour.

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