



Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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PRESS RELEASE

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Nine More People in Hidalgo County Test Positive for COVID-19

A total of 27 people in Hidalgo County have now tested positive for the COVID-19 virus after nine new cases were confirmed, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said early Saturday evening.

Investigators with Hidalgo County Health and Human Services are working with each of the infected persons to determine who they may have had contact with and whether the infection is the result of travel. Those who may have had contact with these people will be contacted by county health officials.

"The bad news is that more people are showing infection as more people are getting tested," Judge Cortez said. "The good news is that there are only two people in Hidalgo County who have tested positive and are requiring hospital treatment. The rest are recuperating at their homes and are expected to recover." Judge Cortez has begun notifying leaders from each city so that proper safety measures can be put in place. Twenty-five of the people who have tested positive have been ordered to isolate themselves in their homes; another two Hidalgo County resident are hospitals in undisclosed locations.

Those testing positive include:

AGE	GENDER	CITY
62	Male	McAllen
38	Female	Mercedes
50	Female	McAllen
15	Male	San Juan
24	Female	Pharr
43	Male	McAllen
48	Female	Mission
25	Female	Weslaco
42	Male	Pharr

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Meanwhile, Judge Cortez expressed concern that the streets of Hidalgo County continued to have foot and vehicular traffic on the first weekend day after he ordered all residents to shelter at home. "We are in a war now," he said. "Each one of us is a soldier and we have the weapon to fight this. Stay home and follow good hygiene."

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