



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## NEWS ADVISORY

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### **Ten more people in Hidalgo County test positive**

**EDINBURG** – Ten more people in Hidalgo County have tested positive for COVID-19 bringing to 38 the total number of people diagnosed with the disease, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Monday.

The positive cases come at a critical time during the shelter at home order, Judge Cortez said. During the next few weeks, staying at home will be the safest thing that everyone can do to avoid contracting this highly contagious strain of coronavirus.

"I'm so proud of all of you who have adhered to this order," Judge Cortez said. "I know a lot of hardship on businesses and individuals have resulted from this order." But he said every medical expert has said the same thing: "The best way to stop the spread of this disease is to stay home."

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Judge Cortez and Hidalgo County health officials have notified local leaders in the seven communities where residents received word of their positive test. Investigators are at the early stages of determining whether the cases are travel related as well as determining where the infected patients have been recently in the community. All have been ordered to self isolate.

Those infected include:

AGE	GENDER	CITY
45	Male	Mission
14	Male	Mission
37	Male	San Juan
27	Male	Pharr
32	Male	McAllen
64	Female	Pharr
60	Female	Weslaco
30	Female	Mercedes
77	Female	McAllen
19	Female	Donna

Because of the preliminary nature of the investigation, no further information will be available tonight.

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