



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## NEWS ADVISORY

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Wednesday, April 1, 2020

### **Sixteen more people in Hidalgo County Test Positive for COVID-19**

**EDINBURG** – Sixteen people, including two infants, in Hidalgo County tested positive for the COVID-19 strain of coronavirus, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez announced Wednesday.

“This shows you that this horrible disease does not discriminate,” Judge Cortez said upon learning that an eight-month-old girl from Edinburg and a 10-month-old girl from Donna have contracted the highly contagious disease. “We must take this virus seriously, stay home, and take every precaution necessary, particularly with our younger population and the elderly.”

The new positive cases bring to 62 the total number of people in Hidalgo County who have tested positive for COVID-19. A total of four of these people have been hospitalized; the rest of the patients have been ordered to isolate themselves at home.

Investigators with the Hidalgo County Health and Human Services department have begun the painstaking process of interviewing each of the positive cases to determine whether they have recently traveled and with whom they have had contact recently. The investigation is too preliminary to give details of recent travel.

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Hidalgo County officials have also begun the process of contacting officials in each of the communities in which the newest patients live. Because of the early stages of investigation, no other details will be provided.

Those testing positive on Wednesday include:

AGE	GENDER	CITY
8 months	Female	Edinburg
21	Female	McAllen
46	Female	Donna
10 months	Female	Donna
30	Male	McAllen
35	Female	Mission
49	Male	Undisclosed
38	Female	Mercedes
40	Male	Pharr
70	Male	Hidalgo
34	Female	Pharr
52	Female	Undisclosed
82	Female	Mission
69	Male	Mercedes
19	Male	Mercedes
25	Female	Pharr

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