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Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Hidalgo County resident with COVID-19 dies

EDINBURG – A 76-year-old Alamo man with underlying medical conditions became the first resident of Hidalgo County to die after testing positive for the COVID-19 virus, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Tuesday. The man had been hospitalized for several weeks with a number of health issues and was recently tested for the coronavirus strain. His identity was not revealed.

"This is a dangerous disease," Judge Cortez said. "We must act by following the recommendations of medical experts and stay away from people. The safest place these days is our homes."

There were 15 new positive COVID-19 cases reported to Hidalgo County health officials on Tuesday, including the Alamo man who died later in the day. This brings the total number of Hidalgo County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 to 128 people. Of those, a total of 17 have been hospitalized; three people who had been in a hospital were released because their conditions have improved, health officials said.

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Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus



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Health officials have told local authorities that they have positive cases in their community. Each of those testing positive, as well as any family members must isolate themselves at home.

The latest round of those testing positive include:

Age	Gender	City
36	Female	San Juan
45	Male	Weslaco
21	Female	Undisclosed
15	Male	Donna
52	Female	Edinburg
54	Female	McAllen
44	Male	San Juan
76	Male	Alamo
38	Female	McAllen
47	Female	McAllen
38	Female	San Juan
52	Male	Pharr
53	Male	Edinburg
27	Male	Mercedes
52	Female	Pharr

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