



## Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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## NEWS ADVISORY

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

### **11 more Hidalgo County residents test positive for COVID-19**

**EDINBURG** – On a day when eight people have been “cleared for release” after battling the COVID-19 virus, 11 other Hidalgo County residents tested positive for the highly contagious strain of coronavirus, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Wednesday.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines do not say patients have “recovered,” but do list guidelines for clearing them for release from isolation and return for work. Hidalgo County has adopted slightly more stringent guidelines, county health officials said.

Among the guidelines by the CDC is that a patient must stop showing symptoms of the illness for seven days, including having no fever for three days.

Hidalgo County requires patients to be free of symptoms for ten days and have no fever for three days. In addition, Hidalgo County requires that no one in the household test positive for COVID-19.

“This is encouraging news, but we should in no way let our guard down,” Judge Cortez said. Underscoring the caution are statistics that show that 19 people are now hospitalized with the disease, including five in intensive care units.

“We know Easter is a time for extended families to gather, but the best thing to do for your families this Easter is to stay at home with your core family,” Cortez said.

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The new positive cases bring the total number of people in Hidalgo County who have tested positive to 139. Local officials have been notified of the new positive cases in their communities as well as Hidalgo County Commissioners. Each person testing positive and that person's family have been ordered to isolate themselves in their homes.

There will be no further information available on these cases or those who have been cleared for release.

Age	Gender	City
47	Male	Weslaco
60	Female	McAllen
57	Female	Alamo
24	Female	Mission
66	Male	McAllen
34	Female	Weslaco
45	Male	Mission
35	Male	Mercedes
56	Female	Edinburg
27	Female	San Juan
42	Female	San Juan

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