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35 additional people test positive for COVID-19 in Hidalgo County

EDINBURG – In what should serve as a grim reminder of how quickly the coronavirus pandemic may spread, an additional 35 people tested positive for COVID-19, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Friday -- the largest single day total since testing began. A total of 181 people in Hidalgo County have now tested positive. There has been one death.

Nineteen of the 35 new cases can directly be traced to earlier cases in what Hidalgo County health investigators say is mounting evidence that community spread is active in the region. It also underscores the need for people to stay home on Easter Sunday, a day in which large family gatherings have traditionally been the norm in South Texas.

"The sheer number of new positive cases and the number of those people infected who have a direct relationship with someone who tested positive earlier should tell people why they need to stay home and stay safe," Judge Cortez said.

There is also growing evidence that this strain of coronavirus is getting more people sicker. Thirty people who have tested positive are now being treated in area hospitals. The number in intensive care units remains the same at five.

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Ten more people who tested positive earlier have now been released from isolation. That means they have shown no symptoms for ten days, including the last three days exhibiting no fever. That brings the total number of people who have been released to 19.

Mayors of the affected areas have been notified of the new cases, as have the Hidalgo County Commissioners, Judge Cortez said. Each of the new positive cases requires self-isolation for themselves and their families. No further details will be made available.

The top ten dates for positive cases include:

Date	Case
4/10/2020	35
4/2/2020	17
4/1/2020	16
4/7/2020	15
4/6/2020	14
4/5/2020	13
4/8/2020	11
3/30/2020	10
3/28/2020	9
3/31/2020	8

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