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Hidalgo County Judge tests positive for COVID-19

Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez has tested positive for COVID-19, he said Thursday morning. The 77-year-old Cortez has worked from home for most of the pandemic and learned of his positive test after a family member tested positive. He is asymptomatic and said he is feeling fine, but will self-isolate per county policy.

"I have taken all the precautions that I could to prevent infection, but I still have contracted this awful virus," Judge Cortez said from home. "This goes to show you how contagious this virus can be."

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