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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Friday, December 18, 2020

**Five deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 505 positive cases.**

*\*All numbers are subject to update and review*

<b>COVID-19 positive case total for Friday</b>	<b>505</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	166
<b>Probable</b>	320
<b>Suspect</b>	19
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	<b>48,304</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	34,126
<b>Probable</b>	13,468
<b>Suspect</b>	710
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>Number released from isolation Friday</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	<b>43,429</b>
<b>Number of fatalities reported Friday</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	<b>2,154</b>
<b>Net active cases</b>	<b>2,721</b>
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	<b>286,859</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	<b>48,304</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	<b>237,744</b>



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*Hidalgo County uses the case status definition provided by the Texas Department of State Health Service's 2020 Epi Case Criteria Guide revised November 2020.*

- 1. Confirmed: A person who has tested positive through a molecular or PCR (oral or nasal swabs) test that looks for the presence of the virus's genetic material.*
- 2. Probable: A person who meets presumptive laboratory evidence through detection of COVID-19 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen.*
- 3. Suspect: A person who meets supported laboratory evidence through detection of specific antibodies in serum, plasma, whole body, and no prior history of being confirmed or probable case.*

For more information of case status definition for COVID-19, please refer to:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/IDCU/investigation/epi-case-criteria-guide/2020-Epi-Case-Criteria-Guide.pdf>

The deaths include:

	Age	Gender	City
1	70+	Male	Alamo
2	60s	Male	Donna
3	50s	Male	Edinburg
4	60s	Male	Pharr
5	70+	Female	Pharr



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Friday, December 18, 2020 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City			
1	0-19	F	Alamo	170	30s	F	McAllen	338	0-19	F	Pharr
2	0-19	F	Alamo	171	30s	M	McAllen	339	0-19	M	Pharr
3	0-19	F	Alamo	172	30s	M	McAllen	340	0-19	F	Pharr
4	0-19	F	Alamo	173	30s	M	McAllen	341	0-19	F	Pharr
5	20s	M	Alamo	174	30s	F	McAllen	342	0-19	M	Pharr
6	20s	F	Alamo	175	30s	M	McAllen	343	0-19	M	Pharr
7	20s	M	Alamo	176	30s	F	McAllen	344	0-19	F	Pharr
8	20s	M	Alamo	177	30s	F	McAllen	345	0-19	F	Pharr
9	30s	F	Alamo	178	30s	F	McAllen	346	0-19	M	Pharr
10	30s	M	Alamo	179	30s	F	McAllen	347	20s	M	Pharr
11	40s	F	Alamo	180	30s	F	McAllen	348	20s	M	Pharr
12	40s	M	Alamo	181	30s	F	McAllen	349	20s	M	Pharr
13	50s	M	Alamo	182	40s	F	McAllen	350	20s	M	Pharr
14	50s	M	Alamo	183	40s	M	McAllen	351	20s	M	Pharr
15	50s	F	Alamo	184	40s	F	McAllen	352	20s	F	Pharr
16	50s	F	Alamo	185	40s	F	McAllen	353	20s	M	Pharr
17	70+	M	Alamo	186	40s	M	McAllen	354	30s	M	Pharr
18	70+	M	Alamo	187	40s	F	McAllen	355	30s	M	Pharr
19	70+	F	Alamo	188	40s	F	McAllen	356	30s	M	Pharr
20	0-19	F	Alton	189	40s	M	McAllen	357	30s	F	Pharr
21	0-19	F	Alton	190	40s	F	McAllen	358	30s	M	Pharr
22	0-19	F	Alton	191	50s	M	McAllen	359	30s	M	Pharr
23	0-19	F	Alton	192	50s	M	McAllen	360	30s	F	Pharr
24	0-19	M	Alton	193	50s	M	McAllen	361	30s	M	Pharr
25	30s	F	Alton	194	50s	M	McAllen	362	30s	M	Pharr
26	30s	F	Alton	195	50s	F	McAllen	363	30s	M	Pharr
27	30s	M	Alton	196	50s	F	McAllen	364	30s	M	Pharr
28	30s	F	Alton	197	50s	F	McAllen	365	30s	M	Pharr
29	40s	F	Alton	198	50s	F	McAllen	366	30s	M	Pharr
30	40s	M	Alton	199	50s	F	McAllen	367	40s	F	Pharr
31	50s	F	Alton	200	50s	F	McAllen	368	40s	M	Pharr
32	50s	M	Alton	201	60s	F	McAllen	369	40s	F	Pharr



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33	60s	F	Alton	202	70+	M	McAllen	370	40s	M	Pharr
34	60s	F	Alton	203	70+	F	McAllen	371	40s	M	Pharr
35	60s	F	Alton	204	70+	M	McAllen	372	40s	F	Pharr
36	70+	F	Alton	205	70+	M	McAllen	373	40s	M	Pharr
37	0-19	F	Donna	206	70+	F	McAllen	374	40s	M	Pharr
38	0-19	F	Donna	207	70+	M	McAllen	375	40s	M	Pharr
39	0-19	F	Donna	208	70+	F	McAllen	376	40s	M	Pharr
40	0-19	M	Donna	209	70+	F	McAllen	377	40s	F	Pharr
41	0-19	F	Donna	210	70+	F	McAllen	378	40s	F	Pharr
42	0-19	F	Donna	211	70+	F	McAllen	379	40s	F	Pharr
43	0-19	M	Donna	212	70+	F	McAllen	380	50s	F	Pharr
44	0-19	F	Donna	213	70+	M	McAllen	381	50s	M	Pharr
45	0-19	F	Donna	214	70+	M	McAllen	382	50s	F	Pharr
46	0-19	M	Donna	215	70+	M	McAllen	383	50s	F	Pharr
47	0-19	F	Donna	216	70+	M	McAllen	384	50s	M	Pharr
48	0-19	F	Donna	217	70+	M	McAllen	385	50s	M	Pharr
49	20s	M	Donna	218	70+	F	McAllen	386	60s	M	Pharr
50	20s	M	Donna	219	70+	M	McAllen	387	60s	M	Pharr
51	20s	F	Donna	220	70+	F	McAllen	388	60s	F	Pharr
52	20s	F	Donna	221	0-19	M	Mercedes	389	70+	M	Pharr
53	20s	F	Donna	222	0-19	M	Mercedes	390	70+	F	Pharr
54	30s	F	Donna	223	0-19	F	Mercedes	391	70+	M	Pharr
55	30s	M	Donna	224	0-19	F	Mercedes	392	70+	M	Pharr
56	40s	M	Donna	225	0-19	M	Mercedes	393	0-19	F	San Juan
57	40s	F	Donna	226	0-19	M	Mercedes	394	0-19	F	San Juan
58	50s	F	Donna	227	0-19	F	Mercedes	395	0-19	M	San Juan
59	50s	M	Donna	228	0-19	M	Mercedes	396	0-19	M	San Juan
60	50s	F	Donna	229	0-19	F	Mercedes	397	0-19	M	San Juan
61	50s	F	Donna	230	0-19	F	Mercedes	398	0-19	M	San Juan
62	60s	F	Donna	231	20s	M	Mercedes	399	0-19	F	San Juan
63	60s	M	Donna	232	20s	F	Mercedes	400	0-19	M	San Juan
64	70+	M	Donna	233	20s	M	Mercedes	401	0-19	M	San Juan
65	70+	F	Donna	234	30s	F	Mercedes	402	0-19	M	San Juan
66	70+	M	Donna	235	40s	M	Mercedes	403	0-19	M	San Juan
67	0-19	F	Edinburg	236	40s	F	Mercedes	404	20s	M	San Juan
68	0-19	M	Edinburg	237	40s	M	Mercedes	405	20s	M	San Juan



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69	0-19	M	Edinburg	238	40s	M	Mercedes	406	20s	F	San Juan
70	0-19	F	Edinburg	239	40s	F	Mercedes	407	30s	M	San Juan
71	0-19	M	Edinburg	240	50s	F	Mercedes	408	30s	M	San Juan
72	0-19	M	Edinburg	241	50s	F	Mercedes	409	30s	F	San Juan
73	0-19	M	Edinburg	242	70+	F	Mercedes	410	30s	M	San Juan
74	0-19	F	Edinburg	243	70+	F	Mercedes	411	30s	F	San Juan
75	0-19	F	Edinburg	244	0-19	F	Mission	412	30s	F	San Juan
76	0-19	M	Edinburg	245	0-19	F	Mission	413	30s	M	San Juan
77	0-19	M	Edinburg	246	0-19	F	Mission	414	30s	F	San Juan
78	0-19	F	Edinburg	247	0-19	F	Mission	415	40s	M	San Juan
79	20s	F	Edinburg	248	0-19	F	Mission	416	40s	M	San Juan
80	20s	M	Edinburg	249	0-19	F	Mission	417	40s	M	San Juan
81	20s	F	Edinburg	250	0-19	M	Mission	418	50s	M	San Juan
82	20s	M	Edinburg	251	0-19	M	Mission	419	50s	F	San Juan
83	20s	M	Edinburg	252	0-19	M	Mission	420	50s	F	San Juan
84	20s	F	Edinburg	253	0-19	M	Mission	421	50s	F	San Juan
85	20s	M	Edinburg	254	0-19	F	Mission	422	50s	M	San Juan
86	20s	M	Edinburg	255	0-19	M	Mission	423	60s	F	San Juan
87	20s	M	Edinburg	256	0-19	M	Mission	424	70+	F	San Juan
88	20s	M	Edinburg	257	0-19	F	Mission	425	70+	F	San Juan
89	20s	F	Edinburg	258	0-19	M	Mission	426	70+	F	San Juan
90	20s	M	Edinburg	259	0-19	F	Mission	427	0-19	M	Undisclosed
91	30s	F	Edinburg	260	20s	F	Mission	428	0-19	M	Undisclosed
92	30s	F	Edinburg	261	20s	F	Mission	429	0-19	F	Undisclosed
93	30s	F	Edinburg	262	20s	M	Mission	430	0-19	F	Undisclosed
94	30s	F	Edinburg	263	20s	M	Mission	431	0-19	F	Undisclosed
95	30s	M	Edinburg	264	20s	F	Mission	432	0-19	F	Undisclosed
96	30s	F	Edinburg	265	20s	M	Mission	433	0-19	M	Undisclosed
97	30s	F	Edinburg	266	20s	M	Mission	434	0-19	M	Undisclosed
98	30s	F	Edinburg	267	20s	M	Mission	435	0-19	F	Undisclosed
99	30s	F	Edinburg	268	20s	F	Mission	436	0-19	M	Undisclosed
100	30s	F	Edinburg	269	20s	M	Mission	437	0-19	F	Undisclosed
101	30s	F	Edinburg	270	20s	F	Mission	438	0-19	F	Undisclosed
102	30s	F	Edinburg	271	20s	M	Mission	439	0-19	F	Undisclosed
103	30s	F	Edinburg	272	20s	F	Mission	440	0-19	M	Undisclosed
104	30s	M	Edinburg	273	20s	M	Mission	441	0-19	M	Undisclosed



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105	40s	F	Edinburg	274	20s	F	Mission	442	0-19	F	Undisclosed
106	40s	M	Edinburg	275	20s	M	Mission	443	0-19	M	Undisclosed
107	40s	F	Edinburg	276	20s	F	Mission	444	20s	F	Undisclosed
108	40s	F	Edinburg	277	30s	M	Mission	445	20s	F	Undisclosed
109	40s	M	Edinburg	278	30s	F	Mission	446	20s	F	Undisclosed
110	40s	M	Edinburg	279	30s	M	Mission	447	20s	M	Undisclosed
111	40s	F	Edinburg	280	30s	F	Mission	448	30s	M	Undisclosed
112	50s	F	Edinburg	281	30s	F	Mission	449	30s	F	Undisclosed
113	50s	F	Edinburg	282	30s	M	Mission	450	30s	M	Undisclosed
114	50s	F	Edinburg	283	30s	F	Mission	451	30s	F	Undisclosed
115	50s	F	Edinburg	284	30s	F	Mission	452	30s	M	Undisclosed
116	50s	F	Edinburg	285	30s	M	Mission	453	30s	F	Undisclosed
117	50s	M	Edinburg	286	30s	M	Mission	454	30s	M	Undisclosed
118	60s	F	Edinburg	287	30s	F	Mission	455	30s	M	Undisclosed
119	60s	M	Edinburg	288	30s	M	Mission	456	30s	M	Undisclosed
120	60s	M	Edinburg	289	40s	F	Mission	457	40s	M	Undisclosed
121	60s	F	Edinburg	290	40s	F	Mission	458	40s	M	Undisclosed
122	60s	M	Edinburg	291	40s	F	Mission	459	40s	F	Undisclosed
123	60s	M	Edinburg	292	40s	M	Mission	460	40s	F	Undisclosed
124	60s	F	Edinburg	293	40s	F	Mission	461	50s	F	Undisclosed
125	70+	M	Edinburg	294	40s	M	Mission	462	50s	F	Undisclosed
126	20s	M	Hidalgo	295	40s	M	Mission	463	60s	F	Undisclosed
127	20s	M	Hidalgo	296	40s	F	Mission	464	60s	M	Undisclosed
128	30s	M	Hidalgo	297	40s	M	Mission	465	70+	M	Undisclosed
129	40s	M	Hidalgo	298	40s	M	Mission	466	70+	F	Undisclosed
130	50s	M	Hidalgo	299	40s	M	Mission	467	70+	F	Undisclosed
131	50s	F	Hidalgo	300	40s	F	Mission	468	0-19	F	Weslaco
132	70+	F	Hidalgo	301	40s	M	Mission	469	0-19	F	Weslaco
133	0-19	M	McAllen	302	40s	F	Mission	470	0-19	M	Weslaco
134	0-19	F	McAllen	303	40s	F	Mission	471	0-19	M	Weslaco
135	0-19	F	McAllen	304	40s	F	Mission	472	0-19	F	Weslaco
136	0-19	F	McAllen	305	40s	F	Mission	473	0-19	M	Weslaco
137	0-19	M	McAllen	306	40s	M	Mission	474	0-19	F	Weslaco
138	0-19	F	McAllen	307	40s	F	Mission	475	0-19	M	Weslaco
139	0-19	F	McAllen	308	40s	F	Mission	476	20s	F	Weslaco
140	0-19	F	McAllen	309	40s	M	Mission	477	20s	M	Weslaco



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142	0-19	F	McAllen	311	50s	F	Mission	479	20s	F	Weslaco
143	0-19	F	McAllen	312	50s	F	Mission	480	20s	F	Weslaco
144	0-19	F	McAllen	313	50s	F	Mission	481	20s	M	Weslaco
145	0-19	M	McAllen	314	50s	F	Mission	482	20s	F	Weslaco
146	0-19	M	McAllen	315	50s	F	Mission	483	30s	M	Weslaco
147	20s	F	McAllen	316	50s	M	Mission	484	40s	F	Weslaco
148	20s	F	McAllen	317	50s	M	Mission	485	40s	F	Weslaco
149	20s	M	McAllen	318	50s	M	Mission	486	40s	F	Weslaco
150	20s	M	McAllen	319	50s	F	Mission	487	40s	F	Weslaco
151	20s	F	McAllen	320	50s	F	Mission	488	40s	F	Weslaco
152	20s	M	McAllen	321	60s	F	Mission	489	40s	F	Weslaco
153	20s	M	McAllen	322	60s	F	Mission	490	40s	F	Weslaco
154	20s	M	McAllen	323	60s	F	Mission	491	40s	F	Weslaco
155	20s	F	McAllen	324	60s	F	Mission	492	40s	M	Weslaco
156	20s	F	McAllen	325	60s	M	Mission	493	50s	F	Weslaco
157	20s	M	McAllen	326	60s	F	Mission	494	50s	F	Weslaco
158	20s	M	McAllen	327	60s	M	Mission	495	50s	F	Weslaco
159	20s	F	McAllen	328	60s	F	Mission	496	50s	F	Weslaco
160	20s	F	McAllen	329	60s	M	Mission	497	60s	F	Weslaco
161	20s	M	McAllen	330	60s	F	Mission	498	60s	F	Weslaco
162	20s	F	McAllen	331	70+	F	Mission	499	60s	M	Weslaco
163	20s	F	McAllen	332	70+	F	Mission	500	60s	F	Weslaco
164	20s	F	McAllen	333	70+	F	Mission	501	60s	M	Weslaco
165	20s	F	McAllen	334	70+	M	Mission	502	70+	M	Weslaco
166	20s	F	McAllen	335	70+	M	Mission	503	70+	F	Weslaco
167	20s	F	McAllen	336	Unknown	F	Mission	504	70+	M	Weslaco
168	20s	M	McAllen	337	0-19	F	Pharr	505	70+	F	Weslaco
169	30s	F	McAllen								

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