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## NEWS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Thursday, December 24, 2020

**Eight deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 380 positive cases.**

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

<b>COVID-19 positive case total for Thursday</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	159
<b>Probable</b>	219
<b>Suspect</b>	2
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	<b>49,728</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	34,827
<b>Probable</b>	14,148
<b>Suspect</b>	753
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Number released from isolation Thursday</b>	<b>294</b>
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	<b>44,958</b>
<b>Number of fatalities reported Thursday</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	<b>2,176</b>
<b>Net active cases</b>	<b>2,594</b>
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	<b>297,670</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	<b>49,728</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	<b>247,194</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	60s	Male	Alamo
2	70+	Female	McAllen
3	70+	Male	McAllen
4	40s	Male	Mission
5	70+	Male	Mission
6	70+	Female	Pharr
7	70+	Male	Undisclosed
8	70+	Male	Weslaco



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Thursday, December 24, 2020 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City			
1	0-19	F	Alamo	128	70+	M	Hidalgo	255	20s	M	Pharr
2	0-19	M	Alamo	129	0-19	F	McAllen	256	20s	M	Pharr
3	0-19	M	Alamo	130	0-19	F	McAllen	257	20s	F	Pharr
4	20s	M	Alamo	131	0-19	M	McAllen	258	20s	M	Pharr
5	20s	F	Alamo	132	0-19	F	McAllen	259	20s	F	Pharr
6	20s	M	Alamo	133	0-19	F	McAllen	260	20s	M	Pharr
7	30s	F	Alamo	134	0-19	M	McAllen	261	20s	M	Pharr
8	30s	M	Alamo	135	0-19	M	McAllen	262	30s	F	Pharr
9	30s	F	Alamo	136	0-19	M	McAllen	263	30s	F	Pharr
10	40s	F	Alamo	137	20s	F	McAllen	264	30s	F	Pharr
11	40s	F	Alamo	138	20s	M	McAllen	265	30s	M	Pharr
12	40s	F	Alamo	139	20s	M	McAllen	266	40s	M	Pharr
13	40s	F	Alamo	140	20s	M	McAllen	267	40s	M	Pharr
14	50s	F	Alamo	141	20s	F	McAllen	268	40s	F	Pharr
15	50s	F	Alamo	142	30s	F	McAllen	269	40s	M	Pharr
16	50s	U	Alamo	143	30s	M	McAllen	270	50s	M	Pharr
17	50s	M	Alamo	144	30s	F	McAllen	271	50s	F	Pharr
18	60s	M	Alamo	145	30s	M	McAllen	272	50s	F	Pharr
19	60s	M	Alamo	146	30s	M	McAllen	273	50s	F	Pharr
20	70+	M	Alamo	147	30s	M	McAllen	274	50s	F	Pharr
21	70+	F	Alamo	148	30s	M	McAllen	275	60s	M	Pharr
22	70+	F	Alamo	149	30s	F	McAllen	276	60s	M	Pharr
23	30s	F	Alton	150	40s	M	McAllen	277	60s	F	Pharr
24	50s	F	Alton	151	40s	F	McAllen	278	60s	F	Pharr
25	60s	F	Alton	152	40s	F	McAllen	279	60s	M	Pharr
26	60s	F	Alton	153	40s	M	McAllen	280	70+	F	Pharr
27	0-19	M	Donna	154	40s	M	McAllen	281	70+	M	Pharr
28	0-19	F	Donna	155	40s	F	McAllen	282	70+	M	Pharr
29	0-19	M	Donna	156	40s	M	McAllen	283	70+	M	Pharr
30	20s	F	Donna	157	40s	F	McAllen	284	70+	F	Pharr
31	20s	M	Donna	158	40s	M	McAllen	285	70+	M	Pharr



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32	20s	F	Donna	159	50s	F	McAllen	286	0-19	F	San Juan
33	20s	M	Donna	160	50s	M	McAllen	287	0-19	F	San Juan
34	20s	F	Donna	161	50s	M	McAllen	288	20s	F	San Juan
35	20s	F	Donna	162	50s	M	McAllen	289	20s	F	San Juan
36	20s	M	Donna	163	50s	M	McAllen	290	20s	F	San Juan
37	20s	M	Donna	164	50s	F	McAllen	291	20s	F	San Juan
38	30s	F	Donna	165	50s	M	McAllen	292	30s	M	San Juan
39	40s	F	Donna	166	50s	F	McAllen	293	30s	M	San Juan
40	40s	F	Donna	167	60s	M	McAllen	294	30s	M	San Juan
41	50s	M	Donna	168	60s	M	McAllen	295	40s	F	San Juan
42	50s	F	Donna	169	60s	M	McAllen	296	40s	M	San Juan
43	50s	F	Donna	170	70+	M	McAllen	297	40s	M	San Juan
44	60s	F	Donna	171	70+	F	McAllen	298	50s	M	San Juan
45	60s	M	Donna	172	70+	F	McAllen	299	50s	F	San Juan
46	60s	F	Donna	173	0-19	M	Mercedes	300	50s	M	San Juan
47	70+	F	Donna	174	0-19	M	Mercedes	301	50s	F	San Juan
48	70+	M	Donna	175	20s	F	Mercedes	302	50s	F	San Juan
49	70+	M	Donna	176	20s	M	Mercedes	303	60s	M	San Juan
50	0-19	M	Edinburg	177	20s	M	Mercedes	304	70+	M	San Juan
51	0-19	F	Edinburg	178	30s	M	Mercedes	305	0-19	M	Undisclosed
52	0-19	F	Edinburg	179	40s	F	Mercedes	306	0-19	F	Undisclosed
53	0-19	F	Edinburg	180	50s	F	Mercedes	307	0-19	M	Undisclosed
54	0-19	M	Edinburg	181	50s	M	Mercedes	308	0-19	F	Undisclosed
55	0-19	F	Edinburg	182	70+	F	Mercedes	309	0-19	F	Undisclosed
56	0-19	F	Edinburg	183	0-19	F	Mission	310	0-19	M	Undisclosed
57	0-19	F	Edinburg	184	0-19	M	Mission	311	0-19	M	Undisclosed
58	0-19	F	Edinburg	185	0-19	M	Mission	312	20s	M	Undisclosed
59	0-19	F	Edinburg	186	0-19	F	Mission	313	20s	M	Undisclosed
60	0-19	M	Edinburg	187	0-19	F	Mission	314	20s	M	Undisclosed
61	0-19	M	Edinburg	188	0-19	M	Mission	315	20s	M	Undisclosed
62	0-19	M	Edinburg	189	0-19	M	Mission	316	20s	M	Undisclosed
63	0-19	F	Edinburg	190	20s	F	Mission	317	20s	M	Undisclosed
64	0-19	M	Edinburg	191	20s	M	Mission	318	20s	M	Undisclosed
65	0-19	F	Edinburg	192	20s	F	Mission	319	20s	F	Undisclosed
66	20s	M	Edinburg	193	20s	M	Mission	320	30s	F	Undisclosed
67	20s	M	Edinburg	194	20s	M	Mission	321	30s	F	Undisclosed



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68	20s	F	Edinburg	195	20s	F	Mission	322	30s	F	Undisclosed
69	20s	F	Edinburg	196	20s	F	Mission	323	30s	F	Undisclosed
70	20s	F	Edinburg	197	20s	F	Mission	324	30s	F	Undisclosed
71	20s	M	Edinburg	198	20s	M	Mission	325	30s	F	Undisclosed
72	20s	M	Edinburg	199	20s	F	Mission	326	40s	M	Undisclosed
73	20s	F	Edinburg	200	20s	F	Mission	327	40s	F	Undisclosed
74	20s	F	Edinburg	201	20s	F	Mission	328	40s	F	Undisclosed
75	20s	F	Edinburg	202	20s	F	Mission	329	50s	F	Undisclosed
76	30s	F	Edinburg	203	30s	M	Mission	330	50s	F	Undisclosed
77	30s	M	Edinburg	204	30s	M	Mission	331	50s	F	Undisclosed
78	30s	M	Edinburg	205	30s	M	Mission	332	50s	M	Undisclosed
79	30s	M	Edinburg	206	30s	M	Mission	333	50s	M	Undisclosed
80	30s	M	Edinburg	207	30s	F	Mission	334	50s	M	Undisclosed
81	30s	M	Edinburg	208	30s	M	Mission	335	50s	M	Undisclosed
82	40s	F	Edinburg	209	30s	F	Mission	336	50s	F	Undisclosed
83	40s	M	Edinburg	210	30s	F	Mission	337	60s	F	Undisclosed
84	40s	M	Edinburg	211	30s	F	Mission	338	60s	M	Undisclosed
85	40s	M	Edinburg	212	30s	F	Mission	339	60s	F	Undisclosed
86	40s	F	Edinburg	213	30s	F	Mission	340	60s	F	Undisclosed
87	40s	M	Edinburg	214	30s	M	Mission	341	60s	F	Undisclosed
88	40s	M	Edinburg	215	30s	F	Mission	342	70+	F	Undisclosed
89	40s	F	Edinburg	216	40s	F	Mission	343	70+	F	Undisclosed
90	40s	F	Edinburg	217	40s	M	Mission	344	70+	F	Undisclosed
91	40s	M	Edinburg	218	40s	M	Mission	345	30s	F	Unknown
92	40s	M	Edinburg	219	40s	F	Mission	346	0-19	M	Weslaco
93	40s	F	Edinburg	220	40s	M	Mission	347	0-19	F	Weslaco
94	40s	M	Edinburg	221	40s	M	Mission	348	0-19	F	Weslaco
95	40s	F	Edinburg	222	40s	F	Mission	349	0-19	M	Weslaco
96	40s	F	Edinburg	223	40s	M	Mission	350	0-19	M	Weslaco
97	40s	F	Edinburg	224	50s	F	Mission	351	0-19	M	Weslaco
98	40s	F	Edinburg	225	50s	M	Mission	352	0-19	M	Weslaco
99	40s	M	Edinburg	226	50s	M	Mission	353	0-19	M	Weslaco
100	40s	M	Edinburg	227	50s	F	Mission	354	20s	M	Weslaco
101	40s	M	Edinburg	228	50s	F	Mission	355	20s	F	Weslaco
102	50s	F	Edinburg	229	50s	M	Mission	356	20s	M	Weslaco
103	50s	M	Edinburg	230	50s	M	Mission	357	20s	M	Weslaco



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106	50s	U	Edinburg	233	60s	F	Mission	360	30s	F	Weslaco
107	50s	M	Edinburg	234	60s	F	Mission	361	30s	F	Weslaco
108	50s	M	Edinburg	235	60s	F	Mission	362	30s	F	Weslaco
109	50s	F	Edinburg	236	60s	M	Mission	363	40s	M	Weslaco
110	50s	M	Edinburg	237	60s	F	Mission	364	40s	F	Weslaco
111	50s	M	Edinburg	238	60s	M	Mission	365	40s	M	Weslaco
112	60s	F	Edinburg	239	60s	M	Mission	366	40s	F	Weslaco
113	60s	M	Edinburg	240	60s	F	Mission	367	40s	F	Weslaco
114	60s	M	Edinburg	241	70+	M	Mission	368	40s	M	Weslaco
115	60s	F	Edinburg	242	70+	F	Mission	369	40s	M	Weslaco
116	60s	F	Edinburg	243	70+	F	Mission	370	50s	F	Weslaco
117	70+	F	Edinburg	244	70+	M	Mission	371	50s	F	Weslaco
118	70+	F	Edinburg	245	70+	M	Mission	372	50s	F	Weslaco
119	70+	M	Edinburg	246	70+	M	Mission	373	50s	F	Weslaco
120	0-19	F	Hidalgo	247	0-19	M	Pharr	374	50s	F	Weslaco
121	0-19	M	Hidalgo	248	0-19	M	Pharr	375	60s	F	Weslaco
122	20s	F	Hidalgo	249	0-19	F	Pharr	376	60s	F	Weslaco
123	30s	F	Hidalgo	250	0-19	M	Pharr	377	60s	F	Weslaco
124	40s	M	Hidalgo	251	20s	F	Pharr	378	60s	F	Weslaco
125	40s	F	Hidalgo	252	20s	M	Pharr	379	70+	F	Weslaco
126	50s	M	Hidalgo	253	20s	M	Pharr	380	70+	F	Weslaco
127	60s	M	Hidalgo	254	20s	M	Pharr				

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