



Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

Richard F. Cortez
County Judge

David L. Fuentes
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Eduardo "Eddie" Cantu
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Everado "Ever" Villarreal
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Ellie Torres
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**OFFICE OF
COUNTY JUDGE
RICHARD F. CORTEZ**

Public Affairs Division

100 E. Cano St., 1st Floor
(956) 292-7026 P
(956) 292-7766 F
www.co.hidalgo.tx.us W
Public.Info@co.hidalgo.tx.us E

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, February 19, 2021

Health officials assure Hidalgo County residents not to worry about delay in receiving 2nd COVID-19 dose

EDINBURG – Because of the bad weather, state officials were unable to deliver a full complement of 2nd dose COVID-19 vaccines this week prompting Hidalgo County officials to prioritize 2nd dose inoculations by re-distributing 1st dose vaccines. County health experts, however, acknowledged that many Hidalgo County residents did not receive their second dose either through county government distribution or through private providers because of the weather and the subsequent problems with power and water.

They emphasize that residents should not worry if they are delayed in receiving their 2nd dose. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that people can go as many as 15 days beyond their scheduled 2nd dose and the COVID-19 vaccine will remain effective.

That 15-day period is expected to be enough time for the state to restore its supply chain of vaccines and get the necessary 2nd doses to Hidalgo County residents who need it. Temperatures are expected to rise into the 70s next week.

###

Hidalgo County is home to one of the fastest growing regions in the nation. We provide health and justice to the over 800,000 residents of our county. We strive to be accessible and responsive to our citizens by providing excellent public service through the values of leadership, transparency, fairness, collaboration, respect and fiscal responsibility. Follow our social media feed at www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/followus