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### NEWS RELEASE

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, October 18, 2021

**Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 128 newly reported positive cases. Of the four deceased individuals, four were not vaccinated.**

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

|                                                                      |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <b>COVID-19 positive case total for Monday</b>                       | 128     |
| Confirmed                                                            | 22      |
| Probable                                                             | 55      |
| Suspect                                                              | 51      |
| <b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>               | 116,645 |
| Confirmed                                                            | 68,259  |
| Probable                                                             | 45,831  |
| Suspect                                                              | 2,555   |
| <b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>                      | 129     |
| Adult                                                                | 102     |
| Pediatric                                                            | 27      |
| <b>Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b> | 50      |
| Adult                                                                | 45      |
| Pediatric                                                            | 5       |
| <b>Number Released from isolation Monday</b>                         | 146     |
| <b>Total released from isolation</b>                                 | 112,423 |
| <b>Number of fatalities reported Monday</b>                          | 4       |
| <b>Total number of fatalities</b>                                    | 3,413   |
| <b>Net active cases</b>                                              | 809     |
| <b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>                   | 683,260 |
| <b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>                       | 116,645 |
| <b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>                       | 565,777 |
| <b>Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases</b>                   | 3       |
| <b>Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases</b>                 | 12      |
| <b>Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff</b>                          | 640     |
| <b>Total COVID-19 Positive Students</b>                              | 3,090   |
| <b>Total TDEM Patients Infused</b>                                   | 1,262   |



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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 Range | Gender | City    |
|----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| <b>1</b> | 50s       | Male   | McAllen |
| <b>2</b> | 60s       | Male   | Mission |
| <b>3</b> | 70+       | Male   | Mission |
| <b>4</b> | 70+       | Female | Mission |

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

| Age Range     | Number of Cases |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 0-11          | <b>20</b>       |
| 12-19         | <b>22</b>       |
| 20s           | 20              |
| 30s           | 10              |
| 40s           | 12              |
| 50s           | 16              |
| 60s           | 12              |
| 70+           | 16              |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>128</b>      |



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Monday, October 18, 2021 positive cases include:

|    | Age Range | Gender | City     |    | Age Range | Gender | City    |
|----|-----------|--------|----------|----|-----------|--------|---------|
| 1  | 0-19      | F      | Alamo    | 65 | 0-19      | M      | Mission |
| 2  | 0-19      | M      | Alamo    | 66 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 3  | 0-19      | F      | Alamo    | 67 | 0-19      | M      | Mission |
| 4  | 20s       | F      | Alamo    | 68 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 5  | 40s       | M      | Alamo    | 69 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 6  | 40s       | M      | Alamo    | 70 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 7  | 70+       | F      | Alamo    | 71 | 0-19      | M      | Mission |
| 8  | 0-19      | M      | Alton    | 72 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 9  | 0-19      | F      | Alton    | 73 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 10 | 0-19      | M      | Alton    | 74 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 11 | 70+       | M      | Alton    | 75 | 0-19      | M      | Mission |
| 12 | 0-19      | F      | Donna    | 76 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 13 | 0-19      | F      | Donna    | 77 | 0-19      | F      | Mission |
| 14 | 0-19      | F      | Donna    | 78 | 20s       | M      | Mission |
| 15 | 0-19      | F      | Donna    | 79 | 20s       | F      | Mission |
| 16 | 0-19      | M      | Donna    | 80 | 20s       | M      | Mission |
| 17 | 20s       | F      | Donna    | 81 | 30s       | F      | Mission |
| 18 | 20s       | M      | Donna    | 82 | 30s       | F      | Mission |
| 19 | 20s       | F      | Donna    | 83 | 30s       | M      | Mission |
| 20 | 0-19      | M      | Edinburg | 84 | 30s       | M      | Mission |
| 21 | 0-19      | F      | Edinburg | 85 | 30s       | F      | Mission |
| 22 | 0-19      | F      | Edinburg | 86 | 30s       | M      | Mission |
| 23 | 20s       | M      | Edinburg | 87 | 40s       | M      | Mission |
| 24 | 20s       | M      | Edinburg | 88 | 40s       | M      | Mission |
| 25 | 20s       | M      | Edinburg | 89 | 50s       | M      | Mission |
| 26 | 20s       | F      | Edinburg | 90 | 50s       | F      | Mission |
| 27 | 30s       | F      | Edinburg | 91 | 50s       | F      | Mission |
| 28 | 40s       | F      | Edinburg | 92 | 50s       | F      | Mission |
| 29 | 40s       | F      | Edinburg | 93 | 60s       | F      | Mission |
| 30 | 40s       | F      | Edinburg | 94 | 60s       | M      | Mission |
| 31 | 40s       | M      | Edinburg | 95 | 60s       | M      | Mission |
| 32 | 50s       | M      | Edinburg | 96 | 60s       | F      | Mission |
| 33 | 50s       | F      | Edinburg | 97 | 60s       | F      | Mission |
| 34 | 50s       | M      | Edinburg | 98 | 60s       | M      | Mission |
| 35 | 60s       | F      | Edinburg | 99 | 60s       | F      | Mission |



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|----|------|---|----------|-----|------|---|-------------|
| 36 | 60s  | F | Edinburg | 100 | 70+  | F | Mission     |
| 37 | 60s  | M | Edinburg | 101 | 70+  | M | Mission     |
| 38 | 70+  | M | Edinburg | 102 | 70+  | F | Mission     |
| 39 | 0-19 | M | McAllen  | 103 | 70+  | F | Mission     |
| 40 | 0-19 | F | McAllen  | 104 | 70+  | F | Mission     |
| 41 | 0-19 | F | McAllen  | 105 | 70+  | F | Mission     |
| 42 | 0-19 | M | McAllen  | 106 | 70+  | M | Mission     |
| 43 | 0-19 | F | McAllen  | 107 | 0-19 | F | Pharr       |
| 44 | 20s  | F | McAllen  | 108 | 0-19 | F | Pharr       |
| 45 | 20s  | M | McAllen  | 109 | 20s  | M | Pharr       |
| 46 | 20s  | F | McAllen  | 110 | 20s  | F | Pharr       |
| 47 | 40s  | F | McAllen  | 111 | 20s  | M | Pharr       |
| 48 | 40s  | F | McAllen  | 112 | 20s  | F | Pharr       |
| 49 | 40s  | M | McAllen  | 113 | 20s  | F | Pharr       |
| 50 | 40s  | F | McAllen  | 114 | 30s  | M | Pharr       |
| 51 | 50s  | F | McAllen  | 115 | 30s  | F | Pharr       |
| 52 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 116 | 70+  | M | Pharr       |
| 53 | 50s  | F | McAllen  | 117 | 70+  | M | Pharr       |
| 54 | 50s  | F | McAllen  | 118 | 0-19 | M | San Juan    |
| 55 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 119 | 30s  | M | San Juan    |
| 56 | 60s  | F | McAllen  | 120 | 50s  | F | San Juan    |
| 57 | 60s  | M | McAllen  | 121 | 0-19 | F | Undisclosed |
| 58 | 70+  | F | McAllen  | 122 | 0-19 | M | Undisclosed |
| 59 | 70+  | F | McAllen  | 123 | 50s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 60 | 70+  | F | McAllen  | 124 | 70+  | F | Undisclosed |
| 61 | 0-19 | F | Mercedes | 125 | 0-19 | F | Weslaco     |
| 62 | 50s  | M | Mercedes | 126 | 0-19 | M | Weslaco     |
| 63 | 0-19 | M | Mission  | 127 | 20s  | M | Weslaco     |
| 64 | 0-19 | M | Mission  | 128 | 50s  | F | Weslaco     |

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