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NEWS RELEASE

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Thursday, November 18, 2021

Three deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 100 newly reported positive cases. Of the three deceased individuals, three were not vaccinated.

**Due to differences in data processing, timing, and methodology, there may be discrepancies between the information presented in this report and the Texas DSHS dashboard.*

COVID-19 positive case total for Thursday	100
Confirmed	16
Probable	83
Suspect	1
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	118,744
Confirmed	68,835
Probable	47,004
Suspect	2,905
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	57
Adult	54
Pediatric	3
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	21
Adult	20
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation Thursday	6
Total released from isolation	114,746
Number of fatalities reported Thursday	3
Total number of fatalities	3,487
Net active cases	511
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	711,696
Total number of tests that are positive	118,744
Total number of tests that are negative	592,115
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	2
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	34
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	736
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	3,883
Total TDEM Patients Infused	1,958



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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
1	60s	Female	McAllen
2	70+	Male	McAllen
3	60s	Male	San Juan

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	33
12-19	16
20s	9
30s	15
40s	9
50s	7
60s	3
70+	8
Total:	100



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Thursday, November 18, 2021 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	0-19	F	Alamo	51	70+	F	McAllen
2	0-19	F	Alamo	52	50s	M	Mercedes
3	30s	F	Alamo	53	0-19	M	Mission
4	30s	F	Alamo	54	0-19	M	Mission
5	0-19	F	Alton	55	0-19	M	Mission
6	0-19	M	Alton	56	0-19	F	Mission
7	0-19	M	Alton	57	0-19	M	Mission
8	20s	F	Alton	58	20s	F	Mission
9	40s	F	Alton	59	30s	M	Mission
10	40s	F	Alton	60	30s	F	Mission
11	50s	F	Alton	61	40s	F	Mission
12	0-19	F	Donna	62	40s	F	Mission
13	0-19	M	Donna	63	40s	M	Mission
14	0-19	M	Donna	64	50s	M	Mission
15	0-19	M	Donna	65	60s	F	Mission
16	0-19	M	Donna	66	0-19	F	Pharr
17	0-19	F	Donna	67	0-19	M	Pharr
18	0-19	F	Donna	68	0-19	F	Pharr
19	0-19	M	Donna	69	30s	M	Pharr
20	0-19	M	Donna	70	50s	F	Pharr
21	30s	F	Donna	71	60s	F	Pharr
22	60s	M	Donna	72	70+	M	Pharr
23	70+	M	Donna	73	0-19	F	San Juan
24	0-19	M	Edinburg	74	0-19	M	San Juan
25	0-19	F	Edinburg	75	0-19	M	San Juan
26	0-19	M	Edinburg	76	0-19	M	San Juan
27	0-19	M	Edinburg	77	30s	M	San Juan
28	0-19	F	Edinburg	78	30s	F	San Juan
29	0-19	F	Edinburg	79	30s	F	San Juan
30	0-19	F	Edinburg	80	70+	M	San Juan
31	0-19	F	Edinburg	81	70+	F	San Juan
32	0-19	M	Edinburg	82	0-19	F	Undisclosed
33	20s	M	Edinburg	83	0-19	F	Undisclosed
34	30s	F	Edinburg	84	0-19	F	Undisclosed
35	40s	F	Edinburg	85	0-19	M	Undisclosed
36	40s	M	Edinburg	86	20s	M	Undisclosed



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37	50s	F	Edinburg	87	20s	F	Undisclosed
38	70+	M	Edinburg	88	70+	M	Undisclosed
39	0-19	F	Hidalgo	89	0-19	M	Weslaco
40	0-19	M	McAllen	90	0-19	F	Weslaco
41	0-19	F	McAllen	91	0-19	M	Weslaco
42	0-19	M	McAllen	92	0-19	F	Weslaco
43	20s	M	McAllen	93	0-19	F	Weslaco
44	30s	F	McAllen	94	0-19	M	Weslaco
45	30s	F	McAllen	95	20s	F	Weslaco
46	30s	M	McAllen	96	20s	M	Weslaco
47	40s	F	McAllen	97	20s	F	Weslaco
48	50s	F	McAllen	98	30s	F	Weslaco
49	50s	F	McAllen	99	30s	F	Weslaco
50	70+	M	McAllen	100	40s	F	Weslaco

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