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### NEWS RELEASE

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

**Three deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 214 newly reported positive cases. Of the three deceased individuals, two 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.*

<b>COVID-19 positive case total for Wednesday</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	97
<b>Probable</b>	93
<b>Suspect</b>	24
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	<b>121,639</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	70,297
<b>Probable</b>	48,178
<b>Suspect</b>	3,164
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Adult</b>	57
<b>Pediatric</b>	2
<b>Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Adult</b>	20
<b>Pediatric</b>	1
<b>Number Released from isolation Wednesday</b>	<b>214</b>
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	<b>117,202</b>
<b>Number of fatalities reported Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	<b>3,512</b>
<b>Net active cases</b>	<b>925</b>
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	<b>731,371</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	<b>121,639</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	<b>609,068</b>
<b>Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff</b>	<b>841</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive Students</b>	<b>4,387</b>
<b>Total TDEM Patients Infused</b>	<b>2,662</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 Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	Edinburg
2	70+	Female	Mercedes
3	70+	Female	Mission

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	66
12-19	28
20s	28
30s	22
40s	31
50s	14
60s	15
70+	10
Total:	214



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Wednesday, December 15, 2021 positive cases include:

	Age Range	Gender	City		Age Range	Gender	City
1	0-19	M	Alamo	108	40s	F	McAllen
2	0-19	F	Alamo	109	40s	M	McAllen
3	0-19	F	Alamo	110	40s	M	McAllen
4	20s	F	Alamo	111	40s	M	McAllen
5	30s	M	Alamo	112	50s	F	McAllen
6	40s	M	Alamo	113	50s	M	McAllen
7	70+	F	Alamo	114	50s	M	McAllen
8	0-19	F	Alton	115	60s	F	McAllen
9	0-19	F	Alton	116	60s	M	McAllen
10	0-19	M	Alton	117	60s	F	McAllen
11	0-19	M	Alton	118	60s	F	McAllen
12	0-19	M	Alton	119	60s	F	McAllen
13	0-19	M	Alton	120	70+	F	McAllen
14	0-19	M	Alton	121	70+	M	McAllen
15	0-19	F	Alton	122	70+	F	McAllen
16	20s	F	Alton	123	0-19	M	Mercedes
17	20s	F	Alton	124	0-19	M	Mercedes
18	50s	M	Alton	125	30s	F	Mercedes
19	0-19	F	Donna	126	50s	F	Mercedes
20	0-19	M	Donna	127	70+	F	Mercedes
21	0-19	F	Donna	128	70+	M	Mercedes
22	0-19	F	Donna	129	0-19	M	Mission
23	0-19	M	Donna	130	0-19	M	Mission
24	0-19	F	Donna	131	0-19	M	Mission
25	0-19	F	Donna	132	0-19	M	Mission
26	20s	M	Donna	133	0-19	F	Mission
27	20s	M	Donna	134	0-19	F	Mission
28	20s	M	Donna	135	0-19	F	Mission
29	30s	F	Donna	136	0-19	M	Mission
30	30s	M	Donna	137	0-19	F	Mission
31	40s	M	Donna	138	0-19	F	Mission
32	40s	F	Donna	139	0-19	F	Mission
33	40s	F	Donna	140	0-19	M	Mission
34	50s	F	Donna	141	0-19	M	Mission
35	60s	F	Donna	142	0-19	F	Mission
36	60s	M	Donna	143	0-19	M	Mission



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37	60s	F	Donna	144	0-19	F	Mission
38	0-19	F	Edinburg	145	0-19	M	Mission
39	0-19	M	Edinburg	146	0-19	M	Mission
40	0-19	M	Edinburg	147	0-19	F	Mission
41	0-19	F	Edinburg	148	0-19	M	Mission
42	0-19	F	Edinburg	149	0-19	M	Mission
43	0-19	M	Edinburg	150	0-19	M	Mission
44	0-19	F	Edinburg	151	0-19	F	Mission
45	0-19	M	Edinburg	152	0-19	F	Mission
46	0-19	F	Edinburg	153	0-19	M	Mission
47	0-19	M	Edinburg	154	0-19	M	Mission
48	0-19	M	Edinburg	155	0-19	F	Mission
49	0-19	F	Edinburg	156	0-19	F	Mission
50	0-19	F	Edinburg	157	0-19	M	Mission
51	0-19	F	Edinburg	158	0-19	M	Mission
52	0-19	M	Edinburg	159	0-19	F	Mission
53	0-19	F	Edinburg	160	20s	F	Mission
54	20s	M	Edinburg	161	20s	F	Mission
55	20s	M	Edinburg	162	20s	F	Mission
56	20s	M	Edinburg	163	20s	F	Mission
57	20s	F	Edinburg	164	20s	M	Mission
58	20s	F	Edinburg	165	20s	F	Mission
59	30s	M	Edinburg	166	20s	F	Mission
60	40s	F	Edinburg	167	30s	F	Mission
61	40s	F	Edinburg	168	30s	M	Mission
62	40s	F	Edinburg	169	30s	F	Mission
63	40s	F	Edinburg	170	30s	F	Mission
64	40s	M	Edinburg	171	30s	M	Mission
65	40s	M	Edinburg	172	40s	M	Mission
66	40s	M	Edinburg	173	40s	F	Mission
67	40s	F	Edinburg	174	40s	F	Mission
68	40s	F	Edinburg	175	40s	M	Mission
69	40s	F	Edinburg	176	40s	M	Mission
70	40s	F	Edinburg	177	50s	F	Mission
71	40s	F	Edinburg	178	50s	M	Mission
72	40s	F	Edinburg	179	50s	M	Mission
73	50s	M	Edinburg	180	60s	M	Mission
74	50s	F	Edinburg	181	60s	F	Mission
75	60s	F	Edinburg	182	60s	F	Mission



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76	60s	M	Edinburg	183	70+	F	Mission
77	60s	M	Edinburg	184	70+	M	Mission
78	70+	F	Edinburg	185	0-19	F	Pharr
79	0-19	M	McAllen	186	0-19	M	Pharr
80	0-19	M	McAllen	187	0-19	M	Pharr
81	0-19	F	McAllen	188	0-19	M	Pharr
82	0-19	F	McAllen	189	30s	F	Pharr
83	0-19	M	McAllen	190	0-19	M	San Juan
84	0-19	F	McAllen	191	0-19	M	San Juan
85	0-19	M	McAllen	192	0-19	F	San Juan
86	0-19	M	McAllen	193	0-19	M	San Juan
87	0-19	M	McAllen	194	20s	M	San Juan
88	0-19	M	McAllen	195	30s	F	San Juan
89	0-19	M	McAllen	196	40s	F	San Juan
90	0-19	M	McAllen	197	50s	F	San Juan
91	0-19	F	McAllen	198	50s	F	San Juan
92	0-19	M	McAllen	199	0-19	F	Undisclosed
93	20s	F	McAllen	200	0-19	F	Undisclosed
94	20s	F	McAllen	201	0-19	F	Undisclosed
95	20s	F	McAllen	202	0-19	F	Undisclosed
96	20s	F	McAllen	203	20s	F	Undisclosed
97	20s	F	McAllen	204	70+	F	Undisclosed
98	30s	F	McAllen	205	0-19	F	Weslaco
99	30s	F	McAllen	206	20s	F	Weslaco
100	30s	F	McAllen	207	20s	M	Weslaco
101	30s	M	McAllen	208	20s	F	Weslaco
102	30s	F	McAllen	209	30s	M	Weslaco
103	30s	F	McAllen	210	40s	F	Weslaco
104	30s	M	McAllen	211	40s	M	Weslaco
105	30s	F	McAllen	212	40s	M	Weslaco
106	30s	F	McAllen	213	50s	F	Weslaco
107	40s	F	McAllen	214	60s	M	Weslaco

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