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NEWS RELEASE

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Friday, December 17, 2021

Zero deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 98 newly reported positive cases.

**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 Friday	98
Confirmed	48
Probable	49
Suspect	1
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	121,875
Confirmed	70,397
Probable	48,297
Suspect	3,181
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	68
Adult	63
Pediatric	5
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	22
Adult	21
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation Friday	95
Total released from isolation	117,407
Number of fatalities reported Friday	0
Total number of fatalities	3,514
Net active cases	954
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	734,270
Total number of tests that are positive	121,875
Total number of tests that are negative	611,592
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	2
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	16
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	850
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	4,425
Total TDEM Patients Infused	2,781



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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>

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	25
12-19	15
20s	22
30s	10
40s	13
50s	5
60s	3
70+	5
Total:	98



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Friday, December 17, 2021 positive cases include:

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



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37	70+	M	McAllen	86	20s	F	Undisclosed
38	70+	M	McAllen	87	20s	F	Undisclosed
39	0-19	F	Mercedes	88	30s	M	Undisclosed
40	0-19	F	Mercedes	89	30s	F	Undisclosed
41	0-19	M	Mercedes	90	40s	F	Undisclosed
42	0-19	F	Mercedes	91	0-19	M	Weslaco
43	0-19	M	Mercedes	92	0-19	F	Weslaco
44	20s	M	Mercedes	93	0-19	F	Weslaco
45	20s	F	Mercedes	94	0-19	M	Weslaco
46	30s	F	Mercedes	95	0-19	F	Weslaco
47	50s	F	Mercedes	96	0-19	M	Weslaco
48	0-19	M	Mission	97	20s	M	Weslaco
49	0-19	M	Mission	98	40s	F	Weslaco

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