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NEWS RELEASE

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Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 156 newly reported positive cases. Of the two 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.*

COVID-19 positive case total for Tuesday	156
Confirmed	64
Probable	92
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	122,132
Confirmed	70,532
Probable	48,417
Suspect	3,183
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	68
Adult	63
Pediatric	5
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	21
Adult	20
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation Tuesday	166
Total released from isolation	117,668
Number of fatalities reported Tuesday	2
Total number of fatalities	3,519
Net active cases	945
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	736,228
Total number of tests that are positive	122,132
Total number of tests that are negative	613,432
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	2
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	10
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	858
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	4,460
Total TDEM Patients Infused	3,004



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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	38
12-19	18
20s	24
30s	22
40s	24
50s	15
60s	8
70+	7
Total:	156

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	40s	Male	Undisclosed
2	30s	Female	Mission



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Tuesday, December 21, 2021 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	20s	F	Alamo	79	70+	F	McAllen
2	40s	F	Alamo	80	70+	M	McAllen
3	50s	F	Alamo	81	30s	M	Mercedes
4	0-19	M	Alton	82	0-19	M	Mission
5	0-19	M	Alton	83	0-19	F	Mission
6	0-19	M	Alton	84	0-19	M	Mission
7	0-19	F	Donna	85	0-19	M	Mission
8	0-19	F	Donna	86	0-19	M	Mission
9	20s	M	Donna	87	0-19	F	Mission
10	40s	M	Donna	88	0-19	F	Mission
11	40s	M	Donna	89	0-19	M	Mission
12	40s	M	Donna	90	0-19	F	Mission
13	50s	M	Donna	91	0-19	M	Mission
14	0-19	F	Edinburg	92	0-19	M	Mission
15	0-19	F	Edinburg	93	0-19	F	Mission
16	0-19	M	Edinburg	94	0-19	F	Mission
17	0-19	F	Edinburg	95	20s	F	Mission
18	0-19	M	Edinburg	96	20s	F	Mission
19	0-19	F	Edinburg	97	20s	F	Mission
20	0-19	F	Edinburg	98	20s	F	Mission
21	0-19	M	Edinburg	99	20s	F	Mission
22	0-19	M	Edinburg	100	30s	F	Mission
23	0-19	F	Edinburg	101	30s	M	Mission
24	0-19	M	Edinburg	102	30s	F	Mission
25	0-19	F	Edinburg	103	30s	F	Mission
26	0-19	F	Edinburg	104	30s	F	Mission
27	0-19	M	Edinburg	105	30s	F	Mission
28	0-19	M	Edinburg	106	30s	M	Mission
29	20s	F	Edinburg	107	30s	F	Mission
30	20s	F	Edinburg	108	40s	M	Mission
31	20s	F	Edinburg	109	40s	M	Mission
32	20s	M	Edinburg	110	40s	F	Mission
33	20s	F	Edinburg	111	50s	F	Mission
34	20s	F	Edinburg	112	70+	M	Mission
35	30s	M	Edinburg	113	70+	F	Mission
36	30s	M	Edinburg	114	0-19	M	Pharr



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37	30s	F	Edinburg	115	20s	F	Pharr
38	40s	M	Edinburg	116	20s	F	Pharr
39	40s	F	Edinburg	117	20s	F	Pharr
40	50s	M	Edinburg	118	20s	F	Pharr
41	50s	M	Edinburg	119	20s	F	Pharr
42	50s	F	Edinburg	120	30s	M	Pharr
43	50s	M	Edinburg	121	30s	F	Pharr
44	50s	M	Edinburg	122	40s	M	Pharr
45	60s	M	Edinburg	123	40s	M	Pharr
46	60s	M	Edinburg	124	40s	M	Pharr
47	60s	M	Edinburg	125	50s	M	Pharr
48	60s	M	Edinburg	126	50s	M	Pharr
49	70+	M	Edinburg	127	30s	M	San Juan
50	70+	M	Edinburg	128	40s	F	San Juan
51	0-19	F	Hidalgo	129	0-19	M	Undisclosed
52	0-19	F	Hidalgo	130	0-19	F	Undisclosed
53	0-19	F	Hidalgo	131	0-19	M	Undisclosed
54	30s	F	Hidalgo	132	0-19	F	Undisclosed
55	40s	F	Hidalgo	133	0-19	M	Undisclosed
56	0-19	F	McAllen	134	0-19	M	Undisclosed
57	0-19	M	McAllen	135	0-19	F	Undisclosed
58	0-19	F	McAllen	136	20s	F	Undisclosed
59	0-19	M	McAllen	137	20s	F	Undisclosed
60	0-19	F	McAllen	138	30s	M	Undisclosed
61	0-19	M	McAllen	139	30s	M	Undisclosed
62	0-19	F	McAllen	140	40s	F	Undisclosed
63	0-19	M	McAllen	141	40s	F	Undisclosed
64	0-19	F	McAllen	142	40s	F	Undisclosed
65	20s	F	McAllen	143	50s	F	Undisclosed
66	20s	M	McAllen	144	60s	M	Undisclosed
67	20s	F	McAllen	145	0-19	F	Weslaco
68	30s	F	McAllen	146	0-19	F	Weslaco
69	30s	F	McAllen	147	0-19	M	Weslaco
70	40s	M	McAllen	148	20s	F	Weslaco
71	40s	F	McAllen	149	30s	F	Weslaco
72	40s	M	McAllen	150	30s	F	Weslaco
73	50s	F	McAllen	151	40s	M	Weslaco
74	50s	M	McAllen	152	40s	M	Weslaco
75	50s	F	McAllen	153	40s	F	Weslaco



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76	60s	M	McAllen	154	40s	M	Weslaco
77	60s	M	McAllen	155	50s	M	Weslaco
78	60s	M	McAllen	156	70+	F	Weslaco

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