



Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department

1304 S. 25th Street • Edinburg, Texas 78539
Tel: (956) 383-6221 • Fax: (956) 383-8864

Iván Meléndez, M.D., M.B.A.
Health Authority / Chief Physician

Eduardo Olivarez
Chief Administrative Officer

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Zero deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 67 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 Tuesday	67
Confirmed	39
Probable	28
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	122,725
Confirmed	70,924
Probable	48,620
Suspect	3,181
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	79
Adult	70
Pediatric	9
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	28
Adult	28
Pediatric	0
Number Released from isolation Tuesday	367
Total released from isolation	118,396
Number of fatalities reported Tuesday	0
Total number of fatalities	3,525
Net active cases	804
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	739,257
Total number of tests that are positive	122,725
Total number of tests that are negative	615,869
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	0
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	2
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	860
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	4,486
Total TDEM Patients Infused	3,317



Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department

1304 S. 25th Street • Edinburg, Texas 78539
Tel: (956) 383-6221 • Fax: (956) 383-8864

Iván Meléndez, M.D., M.B.A.
Health Authority / Chief Physician

Eduardo Olivarez
Chief Administrative Officer

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	15
12-19	11
20s	11
30s	14
40s	11
50s	4
60s	1
70+	0
Total:	67



Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department

1304 S. 25th Street • Edinburg, Texas 78539
 Tel: (956) 383-6221 • Fax: (956) 383-8864

Iván Meléndez, M.D., M.B.A.
 Health Authority / Chief Physician

Eduardo Olivarez
 Chief Administrative Officer

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	30s	M	Alamo	35	0-19	M	Mission
2	50s	F	Alamo	36	0-19	M	Mission
3	20s	F	Alton	37	0-19	F	Mission
4	0-19	M	Edinburg	38	30s	M	Mission
5	0-19	F	Edinburg	39	30s	M	Mission
6	0-19	M	Edinburg	40	30s	F	Mission
7	0-19	M	Edinburg	41	40s	M	Mission
8	20s	M	Edinburg	42	40s	M	Mission
9	30s	M	Edinburg	43	40s	M	Mission
10	30s	M	Edinburg	44	50s	F	Mission
11	40s	M	Hidalgo	45	0-19	F	Pharr
12	0-19	M	McAllen	46	0-19	F	Pharr
13	0-19	M	McAllen	47	20s	M	Pharr
14	0-19	M	McAllen	48	20s	M	Pharr
15	0-19	M	McAllen	49	20s	M	Pharr
16	20s	M	McAllen	50	20s	F	Pharr
17	20s	F	McAllen	51	20s	M	Pharr
18	30s	M	McAllen	52	30s	F	Pharr
19	30s	F	McAllen	53	40s	F	Pharr
20	30s	M	McAllen	54	50s	F	Pharr
21	40s	M	McAllen	55	0-19	M	San Juan
22	40s	M	McAllen	56	0-19	M	San Juan
23	40s	M	McAllen	57	20s	F	San Juan
24	50s	F	McAllen	58	0-19	M	Undisclosed
25	60s	M	McAllen	59	0-19	M	Undisclosed
26	30s	F	Mercedes	60	0-19	F	Undisclosed
27	30s	M	Mercedes	61	20s	F	Undisclosed
28	30s	M	Mercedes	62	30s	F	Undisclosed
29	0-19	F	Mission	63	40s	M	Undisclosed
30	0-19	F	Mission	64	0-19	M	Weslaco
31	0-19	F	Mission	65	0-19	F	Weslaco
32	0-19	F	Mission	66	40s	M	Weslaco
33	0-19	M	Mission	67	40s	F	Weslaco
34	0-19	M	Mission				

###