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NEWS RELEASE

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Thursday, March 17, 2022

Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 97 newly reported positive cases. Of the six deceased individuals, five 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		97
Confirmed	61	
Probable	36	
Suspect	0	
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County		194,981
Confirmed	126,609	
Probable	65,211	
Suspect	3,161	
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals		63
Adult	61	
Pediatric	2	
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units		19
Adult	18	
Pediatric	1	
Number Released from isolation Thursday		312
Total released from isolation		190,560
Number of fatalities reported Thursday		6
Total number of fatalities		3,867
Net active cases		554
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered		1,012,580
Total number of tests that are positive		194,981
Total number of tests that are negative		816,852
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases		0
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases		0
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff		4,825
Total COVID-19 Positive Students		16,589
Total TDEM Patients Infused		6,150



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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	7
12-19	6
20s	16
30s	15
40s	12
50s	12
60s	13
70+	16
Total:	97

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	40s	Female	Donna
2	70+	Female	Edinburg
3	70+	Male	Edinburg
4	70+	Female	McAllen
5	30s	Male	Mission
6	40s	Female	Mission



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Thursday, March 17, 2022 positive cases include:

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



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37	70+	F	McAllen	86	40s	F	Undisclosed
38	70+	F	McAllen	87	40s	M	Undisclosed
39	30s	F	Mercedes	88	50s	M	Undisclosed
40	50s	F	Mercedes	89	50s	F	Undisclosed
41	60s	M	Mercedes	90	60s	F	Undisclosed
42	70+	M	Mercedes	91	70+	M	Undisclosed
43	0-19	M	Mission	92	0-19	M	Weslaco
44	0-19	M	Mission	93	20s	F	Weslaco
45	0-19	F	Mission	94	30s	M	Weslaco
46	0-19	F	Mission	95	50s	F	Weslaco
47	0-19	M	Mission	96	60s	F	Weslaco
48	20s	F	Mission	97	60s	F	Weslaco
49	20s	M	Mission				

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