



# 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**

Friday, March 18, 2022

**Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 26 newly reported positive cases. Of the four 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 Friday</b>	26
<b>Confirmed</b>	5
<b>Probable</b>	21
<b>Suspect</b>	0
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	195,007
<b>Confirmed</b>	126,615
<b>Probable</b>	65,231
<b>Suspect</b>	3,161
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	63
<b>Adult</b>	62
<b>Pediatric</b>	1
<b>Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	19
<b>Adult</b>	18
<b>Pediatric</b>	1
<b>Number Released from isolation Friday</b>	151
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	190,711
<b>Number of fatalities reported Friday</b>	4
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	3,871
<b>Net active cases</b>	425
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	1,020,249
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	195,007
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	824,436
<b>Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases</b>	0
<b>Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases</b>	0
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff</b>	4,825
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive Students</b>	16,589
<b>Total TDEM Patients Infused</b>	6,150



## 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	4
12-19	4
20s	2
30s	3
40s	6
50s	3
60s	2
70+	2
Total:	26

### The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	60s	Male	Alamo
2	70+	Male	McAllen
3	70+	Male	Undisclosed
4	50s	Male	Pharr



## 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

Friday, March 18, 2022 positive cases include:

	Age Range	Gender	City		Age Range	Gender	City
1	20s	M	Donna	14	0-19	F	Mission
2	0-19	F	Edinburg	15	20s	F	Mission
3	0-19	F	Edinburg	16	30s	F	Mission
4	30s	M	Edinburg	17	40s	M	Mission
5	50s	F	Edinburg	18	40s	F	Pharr
6	60s	F	Edinburg	19	50s	F	Pharr
7	70+	M	Edinburg	20	0-19	M	Undisclosed
8	40s	F	Hidalgo	21	0-19	F	Undisclosed
9	0-19	F	McAllen	22	30s	F	Undisclosed
10	40s	F	McAllen	23	40s	F	Undisclosed
11	70+	F	McAllen	24	50s	F	Undisclosed
12	40s	F	Mercedes	25	60s	F	Undisclosed
13	0-19	F	Mission	26	0-19	M	Weslaco

###