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Five deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 1,318 newly reported positive cases. Two of the deceased individuals 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.*

Reporting period: August 12, 2022 – August 15, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	1,318
Confirmed	458
Probable	860
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	224,577
Confirmed	143,123
Probable	78,295
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	102
Adult	100
Pediatric	2
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	16
Adult	16
Pediatric	0
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	1,250
Total released from isolation	218,854
Number of fatalities during reporting period	5
Total number of fatalities	3,962
Net active cases	1,761
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,376,970
Total number of tests that are positive	224,577
Total number of tests that are negative	1,152,393
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	0
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	0
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	4,868
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	17,167
Total TDEM Patients Infused	6,259



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Hidalgo County uses the case status definition provided by the Texas Department of State Health Service's 2022 Epi Case Criteria Guide revised May 2022.

1. *Confirmed: A person who has tested positive through a molecular test (PCR) that looks for the virus's genetic material.*
2. *Probable: A person who has either tested positive through an antigen test or has a combination of symptoms and a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 without a more likely diagnosis.*
3. *Fatality: Deaths for which COVID-19 is listed as a direct cause of death on the death certificate. A medical certifier, usually a doctor, determines the cause(s) of death. Deaths of people who had COVID-19 but died of an unrelated cause are not included.*

For more information of case status definition for COVID-19, please refer to:

<https://dshs.texas.gov/IDCU/investigation/epi-case-criteria-guide/2022-Epi-Case-Criteria-Guide.pdf>

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	190
12-19	132
20s	189
30s	158
40s	180
50s	165
60s	154
70+	150
Total:	1,318

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	50s	Female	Pharr
2	70+	Male	Pharr
3	70+	Male	Donna
4	70+	Male	Edinburg
5	70+	Male	Mission

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