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Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 1,002 newly reported positive cases. Three 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 16, 2022 – August 18, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	1,002
Confirmed	355
Probable	647
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	225,579
Confirmed	143,478
Probable	78,942
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	118
Adult	106
Pediatric	12
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	19
Adult	18
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	1,151
Total released from isolation	220,005
Number of fatalities during reporting period	6
Total number of fatalities	3,968
Net active cases	1,606
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,384,164
Total number of tests that are positive	225,579
Total number of tests that are negative	1,158,523
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	248
12-19	178
20s	125
30s	110
40s	124
50s	88
60s	63
70+	66
Total:	1,002

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	40s	Male	Edinburg
2	40s	Female	Weslaco
3	60s	Male	Alton
4	70+	Female	Edinburg
5	70+	Male	Mission
6	70+	Female	Pharr

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