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Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 881 newly reported positive cases. One of the deceased individuals was 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 19, 2022 – August 22, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	881
Confirmed	421
Probable	460
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	226,460
Confirmed	143,899
Probable	79,402
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	127
Adult	107
Pediatric	20
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	18
Adult	17
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	892
Total released from isolation	220,897
Number of fatalities during reporting period	2
Total number of fatalities	3,970
Net active cases	1,593
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,391,322
Total number of tests that are positive	226,460
Total number of tests that are negative	1,164,862
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	223
12-19	113
20s	123
30s	99
40s	98
50s	90
60s	62
70+	73
Total:	881

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	McAllen
2	70+	Male	Mercedes

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