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Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 575 newly reported positive cases. Four 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 23, 2022 – August 25, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	575
Confirmed	281
Probable	294
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	227,035
Confirmed	144,180
Probable	79,696
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	118
Adult	97
Pediatric	21
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	20
Adult	20
Pediatric	0
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	490
Total released from isolation	221,387
Number of fatalities during reporting period	6
Total number of fatalities	3,976
Net active cases	1,672
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,395,827
Total number of tests that are positive	227,035
Total number of tests that are negative	1,168,731
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	151
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	204
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,019
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	17,371
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	153
12-19	85
20s	67
30s	62
40s	71
50s	55
60s	45
70+	37
Total:	575

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	50s	Male	Edinburg
2	60s	Male	Donna
3	70+	Male	McAllen
4	70+	Male	McAllen
5	70+	Male	McAllen
6	70+	Female	Pharr

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