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Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 848 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 26, 2022 – August 29, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	848
Confirmed	462
Probable	386
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	227,883
Confirmed	144,642
Probable	80,082
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	107
Adult	79
Pediatric	28
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	19
Adult	18
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	763
Total released from isolation	222,150
Number of fatalities during reporting period	4
Total number of fatalities	3,980
Net active cases	1,753
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,402,365
Total number of tests that are positive	227,883
Total number of tests that are negative	1,174,390
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	109
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	132
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,128
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	17,503
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	238
12-19	142
20s	89
30s	100
40s	119
50s	73
60s	44
70+	43
Total:	848

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	40s	Female	Pharr
2	60s	Female	McAllen
3	70+	Female	Alton
4	70+	Female	Weslaco

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