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Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 387 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: September 13, 2022 – September 15, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	387
Confirmed	201
Probable	186
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	231,662
Confirmed	146,193
Probable	82,310
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	70
Adult	52
Pediatric	18
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	10
Adult	8
Pediatric	2
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	500
Total released from isolation	226,351
Number of fatalities during reporting period	2
Total number of fatalities	3,993
Net active cases	1,318
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,437,175
Total number of tests that are positive	231,662
Total number of tests that are negative	1,205,458
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	79
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	360
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,602
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	19,407
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	63
12-19	84
20s	52
30s	35
40s	42
50s	36
60s	38
70+	37
Total:	387

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	Mission
2	70+	Female	Weslaco

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