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Three deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 285 newly reported positive cases. Two 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: September 20, 2022 – September 22, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	285
Confirmed	124
Probable	161
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	232,960
Confirmed	146,879
Probable	82,922
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	60
Adult	37
Pediatric	23
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	8
Adult	7
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	509
Total released from isolation	228,011
Number of fatalities during reporting period	3
Total number of fatalities	3,998
Net active cases	951
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,450,146
Total number of tests that are positive	232,960
Total number of tests that are negative	1,217,127
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	107
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	379
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,747
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	19,900
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	28
12-19	27
20s	48
30s	31
40s	48
50s	45
60s	19
70+	39
Total:	285

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Male	Edinburg
2	70+	Male	Edinburg
3	70+	Female	Pharr

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