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Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 393 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 30, 2022 – October 3, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	393
Confirmed	140
Probable	253
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	234,204
Confirmed	147,261
Probable	83,784
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	50
Adult	35
Pediatric	15
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	7
Adult	7
Pediatric	0
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	495
Total released from isolation	229,713
Number of fatalities during reporting period	6
Total number of fatalities	4,009
Net active cases	482
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,470,524
Total number of tests that are positive	234,204
Total number of tests that are negative	1,236,225
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	17
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	48
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,813
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	20,081
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	65
12-19	56
20s	46
30s	50
40s	50
50s	43
60s	38
70+	45
Total:	393

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	50s	Female	Pharr
2	70+	Female	Alamo
3	70+	Female	Edinburg
4	70+	Male	Edinburg
5	70+	Male	Mission
6	70+	Male	Weslaco

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