



# Hidalgo County Health and Human Services Department

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 520 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: October 14, 2022 – October 17, 2022**

<b>COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period</b>	520
<b>Confirmed</b>	323
<b>Probable</b>	197
<b>Suspect</b>	0
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	235,072
<b>Confirmed</b>	147,766
<b>Probable</b>	84,147
<b>Suspect</b>	3,159
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	41
<b>Adult</b>	35
<b>Pediatric</b>	6
<b>Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	6
<b>Adult</b>	6
<b>Pediatric</b>	0
<b>Number Released from isolation during reporting period</b>	578
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	230,859
<b>Number of fatalities during reporting period</b>	4
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	4,020
<b>Net active cases</b>	193
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	1,489,762
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	235,072
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	1,254,608
<b>Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases</b>	3
<b>Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases</b>	4
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff</b>	5,847
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive Students</b>	20,170
<b>Total TDEM Patients Infused</b>	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	52
12-19	49
20s	98
30s	90
40s	102
50s	53
60s	36
70+	40
Total:	520

### The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Male	McAllen
2	70+	Female	Edinburg
3	70+	Female	Mission
4	70+	Female	Undisclosed

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