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Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 74 newly reported positive cases. Both deceased individuals were 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 18, 2022 – October 20, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	74	
Confirmed	48	
Probable	26	
Suspect	0	
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	235,146	
Confirmed	147,814	
Probable	84,173	
Suspect	3,159	
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	36	
Adult	32	
Pediatric	4	
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	6	
Adult	6	
Pediatric	0	
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	109	
Total released from isolation	230,968	
Number of fatalities during reporting period	2	
Total number of fatalities	4,022	
Net active cases	156	
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,493,142	
Total number of tests that are positive	235,146	
Total number of tests that are negative	1,257,914	
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	8	
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	18	
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,855	
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	20,188	
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	18
12-19	7
20s	13
30s	11
40s	7
50s	5
60s	6
70+	7
Total:	74

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	50s	Male	Mission
2	70+	Female	Undisclosed

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