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Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 75 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 21, 2022 – October 24, 2022

COVID-19 positive case total for reporting period	75
Confirmed	32
Probable	43
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	235,221
Confirmed	147,846
Probable	84,216
Suspect	3,159
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	31
Adult	29
Pediatric	2
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	8
Adult	8
Pediatric	0
Number Released from isolation during reporting period	89
Total released from isolation	231,057
Number of fatalities during reporting period	4
Total number of fatalities	4,026
Net active cases	138
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,497,185
Total number of tests that are positive	235,221
Total number of tests that are negative	1,261,882
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	5
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	9
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	5,860
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	20,197
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	23
12-19	5
20s	11
30s	5
40s	8
50s	6
60s	7
70+	10
Total:	75

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	40s	Male	Mission
2	60s	Female	Pharr
3	70+	Male	Weslaco
4	70+	Male	McAllen

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