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Zero deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 544 newly reported positive cases.

Reporting Period: December 09, 2022 – December 12, 2022

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period		544
Confirmed	221	
Probable	323	
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period		
0-19	144	
20s	56	
30s	67	
40s	66	
50s	87	
60s	55	
70+	69	
Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period		0
Age Range	Gender	City
Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County		44
Adult	40	
Pediatric	4	
Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County		10
Adult	10	
Pediatric	0	

**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.*



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Yearly Summary				
	2020 ¹	2021 ¹	2022 ²	Cumulative Total ²
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	124,890	255,420
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	79,122	166,886
Probable	15,054	33,729	45,768	88,534
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	516	4,047

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>

According to the CDC, you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines if you have completed a COVID-19 vaccine primary series and received the most recent booster dose recommended for you by CDC.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccination status, please refer to:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

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¹ Yearly case summary values for 2020 and 2021 were retrieved from internal Hidalgo County records. For this reason, numbers may not match DSHS dashboard and will not match when added across.

² Summary values for 2022 and cumulative total are retrieved from the Texas National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) and may not match the DSHS dashboard due to differences in data processing, timing, and methodology.

³ Fatalities are retrieved from Hidalgo County records, including medical records reviews, to confirm COVID-19 related fatalities. For this reason, numbers may not match DSHS dashboard.