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Three deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 573 newly reported positive cases. One of the deceased individuals was not vaccinated and the other two deceased individuals were not up to date with their vaccines.

Reporting Period: December 13, 2022 – December 15, 2022

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period	573
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Confirmed	232
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Probable	341
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COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period

0-19	166
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20s	65
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30s	65
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40s	63
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50s	70
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60s	60
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70+	84
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Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period	3
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	Age Range	Gender	City
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1.	50s	Female	Donna
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2.	60s	Male	McAllen
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3.	60s	Male	Weslaco
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Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County	54
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Adult	48
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Pediatric	6
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Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County	10
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Adult	10
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Pediatric	0
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Yearly Summary				
	2020 ¹	2021 ¹	2022 ²	Cumulative Total ²
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	125,476	256,475
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	79,365	167,296
Probable	15,054	33,729	46,111	89,179
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	519	4,050

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.