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Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 1045 newly reported positive cases. Both of the deceased individuals were not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Reporting Period: December 20, 2022 – December 26, 2022

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period		1045	
Confirmed	503		
Probable	542		
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period			
0-19	209		
20s	168		
30s	111		
40s	123		
50s	154		
60s	119		
70+	161		
Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period		2	
	Age Range	Gender	City
1.	60s	Female	Mercedes
2.	70+	Female	Mission
Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County		79	
Adult	75		
Pediatric	4		
Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County		15	
Adult	15		
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	127,026	257,531
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,087	167,745
Probable	15,054	33,729	46,939	89,786
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	521	4,052

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.