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Eight deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 1385 newly reported positive cases. All eight of the deceased individuals were not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Reporting Period: December 27, 2022 – January 02, 2023

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period	1385
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Confirmed	749
Probable	636

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period

0-19	229
20s	219
30s	184
40s	177
50s	199
60s	135
70+	242

Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period	8
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	Age Range	Gender	City
1.	70+	Male	Edinburg
2.	70+	Female	McAllen
3.	60s	Male	Mission
4.	70+	Female	Mission
5.	70+	Male	Mission
6.	70+	Male	Mission
7.	60s	Male	Undisclosed
8.	70+	Male	Undisclosed

Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County	89
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Adult	72
Pediatric	17

Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County	13
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Adult	12
Pediatric	1

**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.*

Yearly Summary				
	2020 ¹	2021 ¹	2022 ²	Cumulative Total ²
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	128,435	258,546
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,852	168,250
Probable	15,054	33,729	47,583	90,296
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	529	4,060

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.