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Ten deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 940 newly reported positive cases. Four of the deceased individuals were not vaccinated and the other six deceased individuals were not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Reporting Period: January 06, 2022 – January 09, 2023

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period	940
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Confirmed	342
Probable	598

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period

0-19	173
20s	129
30s	115
40s	99
50s	142
60s	120
70+	162

Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period	10
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	Age Range	Gender	City
1.	70+	Male	Weslaco
2.	70+	Female	Mission
3.	50s	Male	Alamo
4.	70+	Male	Hidalgo
5.	70+	Female	McAllen
6.	70+	Male	McAllen
7.	60s	Male	Mission
8.	70+	Male	Mission
9.	70+	Male	Mission
10.	60s	Male	Weslaco

Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County	107
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Adult	91
Pediatric	16



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Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County		19
Adult		19
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.*

Yearly Summary					
	2020 ¹	2021 ¹	2022 ²	2023 ²	Cumulative Total ²
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	128,435	2,244	259,775
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,852	893	168,638
Probable	15,054	33,729	47,583	1,351	91,137
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	529	12	4,064

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.