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Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 336 newly reported positive cases. One of the deceased individuals was not vaccinated and the other three deceased individuals were not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Reporting Period: February 21, 2023 – February 23, 2023

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period	336
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Confirmed	102
Probable	234

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period

0-19	83
20s	38
30s	33
40s	42
50s	44
60s	41
70+	55

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

Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County	40
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Adult	38
Pediatric	2

Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County	8
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Adult	8
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	2023 ²	Cumulative Total ²
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	128,435	7,706	266,599
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,852	2,808	171,384
Probable	15,054	33,729	47,583	4,898	95,215
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	529	63	4,115

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, 2023 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.