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Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 178 newly reported positive cases. Four of the deceased individuals were not vaccinated and the other two deceased individuals were not up to date with their vaccines.

Reporting Period: February 28, 2023 – March 2, 2023

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period	178
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Confirmed	67
Probable	111

COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period

0-19	49
20s	23
30s	11
40s	21
50s	18
60s	32
70+	24

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

Current Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County	47
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Adult	45
Pediatric	2

Current Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County	10
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Adult	10
Pediatric	0



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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	8,174	267,067
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,852	3,018	171,594
Probable	15,054	33,729	47,583	5,156	95,473
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	529	69	4,121

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.