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During the month of November, there were 3 deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 1,005 newly reported positive cases. Two of the deceased individuals were not vaccinated and the one other deceased individual was not up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines.

Reporting Period: November 1, 2023 – November 30, 2023

Total COVID-19 Positive Cases for Reporting Period		1,005	
Confirmed		285	
Probable		720	
COVID-19 Positive Cases by Age Group for Reporting Period			
0-19		409	
20s		100	
30s		87	
40s		95	
50s		73	
60s		91	
70+		150	
Total COVID-19 Related Fatalities for Reporting Period		3	
	Age Range	Gender	City
1.	70+	Male	Weslaco
2.	70+	Male	Alton
3.	60s	Male	McAllen
Today's Total COVID-19 Patients Hospitalized in Hidalgo County		45	
Adult		40	
Pediatric		5	
Today's Total COVID-19 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in Hidalgo County		6	
Adult		5	
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.*



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Yearly Summary					
	2020 ¹	2021 ¹	2022 ²	2023 ²	Cumulative Total ^{2,4}
Total Cases	52,107	72,092	128,435	25,630	277,997
Confirmed	36,231	36,081	80,852	8,165	161,212
Probable	15,054	33,729	47,583	17,465	113,681
Total Fatalities³	2,208	1,323	529	141	4,195

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.*
4. *The 2020 and 2021 case counts within this cumulative count were retrieved from internal Hidalgo County records, while the remaining years were pulled directly from the DSHS database. For this reason, numbers may not match when added together.*

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.