



Hidalgo County Commissioners Court

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Thirteen More People Test Positive in Hidalgo County

An additional 13 people in Hidalgo County have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus bringing the total number of people with positive tests to 99, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez said Sunday. The new cases represent test results that arrived between late Friday and Sunday.

As investigators dig deeper in all the known infections, they are beginning to discern patterns suggesting how the spread of the disease is unfolding in Hidalgo County. Health officials now believe they are seeing 13 different clusters of infection that emanated from people who contracted the virus earlier but have since spread it to others, said Eddie Olivarez, the Chief Administrator of Hidalgo County's Health and Human Services Department. Of the 99 known cases in Hidalgo County, 49 are related in some way as part of a cluster.

This "community spread" is a precursor to a quicker rate of infection in Hidalgo County, he said.

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Olivarez notified Judge Cortez then all the mayors of the affected cities of the new cases. No other details will be available for the latest round of positive cases.

They include:

Age	Gender	City
69	Female	Mercedes
69	Male	Mercedes
28	Female	Undisclosed
33	Female	Mission
19	Male	La Joya
29	Female	Mercedes
76	Female	Mission
60	Male	McAllen
50	Male	Donna
66	Male	McAllen
47	Male	Alamo
28	Male	San Juan
33	Male	Hidalgo

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