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Eight more people in Hidalgo County Test Positive for COVID-19

EDINBURG – Eight more Hidalgo County residents learned Tuesday that they have tested positive for the COVID-19 strain of coronavirus, Hidalgo County Judge Richard F. Cortez announced Tuesday.

That brings the total number of Hidalgo County residents who have tested positive to 46 people. That is just ten days after the first person in Hidalgo County learned she tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Health investigators have begun questioning all those who have tested positive to learn where these people may have been in the last several weeks and who else may have been exposed. The mayors and other city leaders in the affected communities have also been told of the new positive test results in case they wish to implement additional safety measures.

The latest group of eight has been ordered to self-isolate in their homes. Three of the total of 46 Hidalgo County residents who have tested positive have required hospitalization, health officials said.

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"Our message remains the same since before the first person tested positive: your best protection against this virus is to stay home," Judge Cortez said.

The eight residents include:

42	Female	Hidalgo
16	Male	Pharr
11	Female	Pharr
36	Female	Pharr
58	Female	Pharr
36	Male	McAllen
26	Female	McAllen
29	Male	Mission

No other details about these patients will be made available.

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