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### NEWS RELEASE

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, December 16, 2021

**Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 138 newly reported positive cases. Of the two deceased individuals, two were not vaccinated.**

*\*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.*

<b>COVID-19 positive case total for Thursday</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	43
<b>Probable</b>	79
<b>Suspect</b>	16
<b>Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County</b>	<b>121,777</b>
<b>Confirmed</b>	70,341
<b>Probable</b>	48,256
<b>Suspect</b>	3,180
<b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Adult</b>	57
<b>Pediatric</b>	3
<b>Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Adult</b>	21
<b>Pediatric</b>	0
<b>Number Released from isolation Thursday</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>Total released from isolation</b>	<b>117,312</b>
<b>Number of fatalities reported Thursday</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total number of fatalities</b>	<b>3,514</b>
<b>Net active cases</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>Total number of COVID-19 tests administered</b>	<b>733,635</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are positive</b>	<b>121,777</b>
<b>Total number of tests that are negative</b>	<b>611,004</b>
<b>Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff</b>	<b>848</b>
<b>Total COVID-19 Positive Students</b>	<b>4,409</b>
<b>Total TDEM Patients Infused</b>	<b>2,731</b>



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Hidalgo County uses the case status definition provided by the Texas Department of State Health Service's 2020 Epi Case Criteria Guide revised November 2020.

1. **Confirmed:** A person who has tested positive through a molecular or PCR (oral or nasal swabs) test that looks for the presence of the virus's genetic material.
2. **Probable:** A person who meets presumptive laboratory evidence through detection of COVID-19 by antigen test in a respiratory specimen.
3. **Suspect:** A person who meets supported laboratory evidence through detection of specific antibodies in serum, plasma, whole body, and no prior history of being confirmed or probable case.

For more information of case status definition for COVID-19, please refer to:

<https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/IDCU/investigation/epi-case-criteria-guide/2020-Epi-Case-Criteria-Guide.pdf>

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	Donna
2	50s	Male	Mission

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	42
12-19	18
20s	13
30s	20
40s	13
50s	11
60s	12
70+	9
Total:	138



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Thursday, December 16, 2021 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	0-19	M	Alamo	70	0-19	F	Mission
2	0-19	F	Alamo	71	0-19	M	Mission
3	20s	F	Alamo	72	0-19	F	Mission
4	50s	M	Alamo	73	0-19	M	Mission
5	60s	M	Alamo	74	0-19	F	Mission
6	60s	F	Alamo	75	0-19	F	Mission
7	70+	F	Alamo	76	0-19	M	Mission
8	70+	M	Alamo	77	0-19	F	Mission
9	0-19	F	Alton	78	0-19	F	Mission
10	0-19	F	Alton	79	0-19	M	Mission
11	20s	M	Alton	80	20s	F	Mission
12	0-19	M	Donna	81	20s	M	Mission
13	0-19	M	Donna	82	30s	M	Mission
14	0-19	M	Donna	83	30s	F	Mission
15	0-19	M	Donna	84	30s	F	Mission
16	30s	M	Donna	85	30s	M	Mission
17	50s	F	Donna	86	30s	M	Mission
18	70+	F	Donna	87	40s	F	Mission
19	0-19	M	Edinburg	88	40s	M	Mission
20	0-19	M	Edinburg	89	40s	M	Mission
21	0-19	M	Edinburg	90	40s	F	Mission
22	0-19	M	Edinburg	91	40s	M	Mission
23	0-19	F	Edinburg	92	50s	F	Mission
24	0-19	F	Edinburg	93	50s	F	Mission
25	0-19	F	Edinburg	94	50s	F	Mission
26	0-19	M	Edinburg	95	50s	F	Mission
27	0-19	M	Edinburg	96	60s	M	Mission
28	20s	F	Edinburg	97	70+	F	Mission
29	20s	F	Edinburg	98	70+	F	Mission
30	20s	M	Edinburg	99	0-19	M	Pharr
31	20s	F	Edinburg	100	0-19	M	Pharr
32	30s	M	Edinburg	101	0-19	M	Pharr
33	30s	F	Edinburg	102	0-19	F	Pharr
34	30s	F	Edinburg	103	20s	F	Pharr
35	40s	M	Edinburg	104	30s	F	Pharr
36	40s	F	Edinburg	105	30s	M	Pharr



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<b>37</b>	50s	F	Edinburg	<b>106</b>	40s	F	Pharr
<b>38</b>	60s	F	Edinburg	<b>107</b>	50s	F	Pharr
<b>39</b>	60s	M	Edinburg	<b>108</b>	50s	F	Pharr
<b>40</b>	60s	M	Edinburg	<b>109</b>	60s	M	Pharr
<b>41</b>	70+	M	Edinburg	<b>110</b>	0-19	M	San Juan
<b>42</b>	0-19	M	Hidalgo	<b>111</b>	0-19	F	San Juan
<b>43</b>	30s	F	Hidalgo	<b>112</b>	0-19	M	San Juan
<b>44</b>	60s	F	Hidalgo	<b>113</b>	0-19	F	San Juan
<b>45</b>	0-19	F	McAllen	<b>114</b>	0-19	M	San Juan
<b>46</b>	0-19	M	McAllen	<b>115</b>	20s	F	San Juan
<b>47</b>	0-19	F	McAllen	<b>116</b>	20s	M	San Juan
<b>48</b>	0-19	F	McAllen	<b>117</b>	30s	F	San Juan
<b>49</b>	0-19	M	McAllen	<b>118</b>	40s	F	San Juan
<b>50</b>	20s	M	McAllen	<b>119</b>	50s	M	San Juan
<b>51</b>	20s	F	McAllen	<b>120</b>	0-19	M	Undisclosed
<b>52</b>	30s	M	McAllen	<b>121</b>	0-19	M	Undisclosed
<b>53</b>	40s	M	McAllen	<b>122</b>	0-19	F	Undisclosed
<b>54</b>	40s	F	McAllen	<b>123</b>	0-19	M	Undisclosed
<b>55</b>	50s	F	McAllen	<b>124</b>	0-19	F	Undisclosed
<b>56</b>	60s	M	McAllen	<b>125</b>	30s	F	Undisclosed
<b>57</b>	60s	F	McAllen	<b>126</b>	30s	M	Undisclosed
<b>58</b>	60s	F	McAllen	<b>127</b>	60s	F	Undisclosed
<b>59</b>	70+	F	McAllen	<b>128</b>	70+	M	Undisclosed
<b>60</b>	70+	F	McAllen	<b>129</b>	0-19	M	Weslaco
<b>61</b>	0-19	F	Mercedes	<b>130</b>	0-19	F	Weslaco
<b>62</b>	0-19	M	Mercedes	<b>131</b>	0-19	M	Weslaco
<b>63</b>	0-19	F	Mercedes	<b>132</b>	0-19	F	Weslaco
<b>64</b>	0-19	M	Mercedes	<b>133</b>	30s	M	Weslaco
<b>65</b>	0-19	M	Mercedes	<b>134</b>	30s	F	Weslaco
<b>66</b>	0-19	M	Mission	<b>135</b>	30s	F	Weslaco
<b>67</b>	0-19	M	Mission	<b>136</b>	30s	F	Weslaco
<b>68</b>	0-19	F	Mission	<b>137</b>	40s	M	Weslaco
<b>69</b>	0-19	F	Mission	<b>138</b>	40s	M	Weslaco

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