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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

Three deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 246 newly reported positive cases. Of the three 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.*

COVID-19 positive case total for Wednesday	246
Confirmed	159
Probable	87
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	122,378
Confirmed	70,699
Probable	48,497
Suspect	3,182
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	77
Adult	68
Pediatric	9
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	22
Adult	21
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation Wednesday	190
Total released from isolation	117,858
Number of fatalities reported Wednesday	3
Total number of fatalities	3,522
Net active cases	998
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	738,224
Total number of tests that are positive	122,378
Total number of tests that are negative	615,182
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	2
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	24
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	860
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	4,484
Total TDEM Patients Infused	3,068



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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>

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	56
12-19	48
20s	43
30s	30
40s	31
50s	15
60s	15
70+	8
Total:	246

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	McAllen
2	40s	Male	Mission
3	50s	Female	Mission



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Wednesday, December 22, 2021 positive cases include:

Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	0-19	F	Alamo	124	0-19	M	Mission
2	0-19	M	Alamo	125	0-19	M	Mission
3	0-19	M	Alamo	126	0-19	M	Mission
4	0-19	M	Alamo	127	0-19	M	Mission
5	20s	F	Alamo	128	0-19	F	Mission
6	60s	F	Alamo	129	0-19	F	Mission
7	0-19	M	Alton	130	0-19	M	Mission
8	0-19	F	Donna	131	0-19	M	Mission
9	40s	M	Donna	132	0-19	M	Mission
10	70+	M	Donna	133	0-19	F	Mission
11	0-19	F	Edinburg	134	0-19	F	Mission
12	0-19	M	Edinburg	135	0-19	M	Mission
13	0-19	M	Edinburg	136	0-19	M	Mission
14	0-19	F	Edinburg	137	0-19	M	Mission
15	0-19	M	Edinburg	138	0-19	M	Mission
16	0-19	M	Edinburg	139	0-19	M	Mission
17	0-19	F	Edinburg	140	0-19	F	Mission
18	0-19	M	Edinburg	141	0-19	F	Mission
19	0-19	M	Edinburg	142	0-19	M	Mission
20	0-19	F	Edinburg	143	0-19	M	Mission
21	20s	M	Edinburg	144	20s	F	Mission
22	20s	M	Edinburg	145	20s	F	Mission
23	20s	M	Edinburg	146	20s	F	Mission
24	20s	F	Edinburg	147	20s	F	Mission
25	20s	F	Edinburg	148	20s	F	Mission
26	20s	M	Edinburg	149	20s	F	Mission
27	20s	F	Edinburg	150	20s	M	Mission
28	20s	M	Edinburg	151	30s	M	Mission
29	30s	M	Edinburg	152	30s	F	Mission
30	30s	F	Edinburg	153	30s	M	Mission
31	40s	F	Edinburg	154	40s	F	Mission
32	40s	M	Edinburg	155	40s	F	Mission
33	40s	M	Edinburg	156	40s	M	Mission
34	40s	F	Edinburg	157	40s	F	Mission
35	50s	F	Edinburg	158	40s	F	Mission
36	50s	F	Edinburg	159	40s	F	Mission



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37	60s	M	Edinburg	160	40s	M	Mission
38	60s	F	Edinburg	161	40s	M	Mission
39	0-19	F	Hidalgo	162	40s	F	Mission
40	0-19	M	Hidalgo	163	40s	F	Mission
41	0-19	M	Hidalgo	164	40s	F	Mission
42	0-19	F	Hidalgo	165	40s	F	Mission
43	0-19	M	Hidalgo	166	50s	F	Mission
44	0-19	M	Hidalgo	167	60s	M	Mission
45	20s	M	Hidalgo	168	60s	M	Mission
46	20s	M	Hidalgo	169	60s	M	Mission
47	30s	F	Hidalgo	170	60s	F	Mission
48	30s	M	Hidalgo	171	60s	F	Mission
49	30s	F	Hidalgo	172	70+	M	Mission
50	40s	M	Hidalgo	173	0-19	F	Pharr
51	50s	F	Hidalgo	174	0-19	F	Pharr
52	50s	F	Hidalgo	175	0-19	M	Pharr
53	70+	F	Hidalgo	176	0-19	M	Pharr
54	0-19	F	McAllen	177	20s	M	Pharr
55	0-19	M	McAllen	178	20s	F	Pharr
56	0-19	F	McAllen	179	20s	F	Pharr
57	0-19	M	McAllen	180	20s	F	Pharr
58	0-19	F	McAllen	181	30s	M	Pharr
59	0-19	F	McAllen	182	30s	F	Pharr
60	0-19	M	McAllen	183	30s	M	Pharr
61	0-19	F	McAllen	184	0-19	F	San Juan
62	0-19	M	McAllen	185	0-19	F	San Juan
63	0-19	F	McAllen	186	20s	M	San Juan
64	0-19	M	McAllen	187	20s	F	San Juan
65	20s	M	McAllen	188	20s	M	San Juan
66	20s	M	McAllen	189	30s	M	San Juan
67	20s	F	McAllen	190	40s	F	San Juan
68	20s	F	McAllen	191	60s	M	San Juan
69	20s	M	McAllen	192	60s	F	San Juan
70	20s	F	McAllen	193	70+	F	San Juan
71	20s	M	McAllen	194	0-19	F	Undisclosed
72	30s	F	McAllen	195	0-19	F	Undisclosed
73	30s	F	McAllen	196	0-19	M	Undisclosed
74	30s	M	McAllen	197	0-19	M	Undisclosed
75	30s	M	McAllen	198	0-19	M	Undisclosed



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76	30s	M	McAllen	199	0-19	F	Undisclosed
77	30s	F	McAllen	200	0-19	M	Undisclosed
78	30s	F	McAllen	201	0-19	F	Undisclosed
79	30s	M	McAllen	202	20s	F	Undisclosed
80	30s	M	McAllen	203	20s	F	Undisclosed
81	30s	F	McAllen	204	20s	F	Undisclosed
82	30s	F	McAllen	205	20s	M	Undisclosed
83	30s	F	McAllen	206	20s	M	Undisclosed
84	40s	F	McAllen	207	30s	F	Undisclosed
85	40s	M	McAllen	208	30s	M	Undisclosed
86	40s	M	McAllen	209	30s	M	Undisclosed
87	50s	F	McAllen	210	40s	F	Undisclosed
88	50s	F	McAllen	211	40s	F	Undisclosed
89	50s	M	McAllen	212	40s	M	Undisclosed
90	50s	M	McAllen	213	40s	F	Undisclosed
91	50s	M	McAllen	214	50s	F	Undisclosed
92	60s	F	McAllen	215	50s	F	Undisclosed
93	60s	F	McAllen	216	60s	M	Undisclosed
94	60s	F	McAllen	217	60s	F	Undisclosed
95	70+	F	McAllen	218	70+	F	Undisclosed
96	70+	M	McAllen	219	0-19	M	Weslaco
97	70+	M	McAllen	220	0-19	M	Weslaco
98	0-19	M	Mercedes	221	0-19	F	Weslaco
99	0-19	M	Mercedes	222	0-19	F	Weslaco
100	0-19	F	Mercedes	223	0-19	F	Weslaco
101	0-19	F	Mercedes	224	0-19	F	Weslaco
102	0-19	M	Mercedes	225	0-19	F	Weslaco
103	0-19	F	Mercedes	226	0-19	F	Weslaco
104	0-19	F	Mercedes	227	0-19	F	Weslaco
105	20s	F	Mercedes	228	0-19	F	Weslaco
106	20s	M	Mercedes	229	0-19	M	Weslaco
107	20s	M	Mercedes	230	0-19	F	Weslaco
108	30s	M	Mercedes	231	0-19	M	Weslaco
109	40s	M	Mercedes	232	0-19	F	Weslaco
110	40s	M	Mercedes	233	0-19	F	Weslaco
111	50s	F	Mercedes	234	0-19	M	Weslaco
112	0-19	M	Mission	235	0-19	F	Weslaco
113	0-19	M	Mission	236	0-19	M	Weslaco
114	0-19	F	Mission	237	20s	M	Weslaco



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115	0-19	M	Mission	238	20s	F	Weslaco
116	0-19	F	Mission	239	20s	F	Weslaco
117	0-19	M	Mission	240	30s	F	Weslaco
118	0-19	F	Mission	241	30s	F	Weslaco
119	0-19	M	Mission	242	40s	F	Weslaco
120	0-19	F	Mission	243	40s	M	Weslaco
121	0-19	F	Mission	244	40s	M	Weslaco
122	0-19	F	Mission	245	50s	M	Weslaco
123	0-19	M	Mission	246	50s	M	Weslaco

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