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### **NEWS RELEASE**

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Six deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 329 positive cases.

<sup>\*</sup>All numbers are subject to update and review

| COVID-19 positive case total for Tuesday 329               |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|-------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Confirmed  | 139   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Probable   | 170   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suspect  | 20  |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total COVID-19 po  | ositive cases in Hid                            | algo County | 50,361 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Confirmed  | 35,157  |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Probable   | 14,430  |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Suspect  | 774   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals</b> 314        |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units 91 |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number released from isolation Tuesday 798                 |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total released fro   | m isolation                                     |             | 46,016 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of fataliti   | es reported Tuesd                               | ay          | 6      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total number of fa   | atalities                                       |             | 2,187  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net active cases   |   |             | 2,158  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total number of COVID-19 tests administered 304            |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total number of tests that are positive 50,361             |   |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total number of to   | Total number of tests that are negative 252,978 |             |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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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 | Gender | City        |
|---|-----|--------|-------------|
| 1 | 40s | Male   | Edinburg    |
| 2 | 70+ | Female | Edinburg    |
| 3 | 70+ | Male   | Mercedes    |
| 4 | 70+ | Male   | Mission     |
| 5 | 60s | Female | Undisclosed |
| 6 | 70+ | Female | Undisclosed |

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### Tuesday, December 29, 2020 positive cases include:

|    | Age<br>Range | Gender | City  |     | Age<br>Range | Gender | City    |     | Age<br>Range | Gender | City    |
|----|--------------|--------|-------|-----|--------------|--------|---------|-----|--------------|--------|---------|
| 1  | 0-19         | M      | Alamo | 111 | 0-19         | F      | McAllen | 221 | 50s          | M      | Mission |
| 2  | 0-19         | M      | Alamo | 112 | 0-19         | F      | McAllen | 222 | 50s          | M      | Mission |
| 3  | 0-19         | M      | Alamo | 113 | 0-19         | F      | McAllen | 223 | 50s          | M      | Mission |
| 4  | 20s          | M      | Alamo | 114 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 224 | 60s          | F      | Mission |
| 5  | 20s          | M      | Alamo | 115 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 225 | 60s          | F      | Mission |
| 6  | 20s          | M      | Alamo | 116 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 226 | 60s          | M      | Mission |
| 7  | 30s          | F      | Alamo | 117 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 227 | 60s          | M      | Mission |
| 8  | 30s          | F      | Alamo | 118 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 228 | 60s          | M      | Mission |
| 9  | 30s          | F      | Alamo | 119 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 229 | 60s          | M      | Mission |
| 10 | 40s          | F      | Alamo | 120 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 230 | 60s          | F      | Mission |
| 11 | 40s          | M      | Alamo | 121 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 231 | 70+          | M      | Mission |
| 12 | 40s          | M      | Alamo | 122 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 232 | 70+          | F      | Mission |
| 13 | 50s          | F      | Alamo | 123 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 233 | 70+          | M      | Mission |
| 14 | 50s          | M      | Alamo | 124 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 234 | 70+          | F      | Mission |
| 15 | 70+          | F      | Alamo | 125 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 235 | 70+          | M      | Mission |
| 16 | 70+          | F      | Alamo | 126 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 236 | 70+          | M      | Mission |
| 17 | 0-19         | F      | Alton | 127 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 237 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 18 | 0-19         | F      | Alton | 128 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 238 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 19 | 20s          | M      | Alton | 129 | 20s          | M      | McAllen | 239 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 20 | 20s          | F      | Alton | 130 | 20s          | F      | McAllen | 240 | 0-19         | F      | Pharr   |
| 21 | 20s          | M      | Alton | 131 | 30s          | F      | McAllen | 241 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 22 | 20s          | F      | Alton | 132 | 30s          | F      | McAllen | 242 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 23 | 20s          | F      | Alton | 133 | 30s          | F      | McAllen | 243 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 24 | 30s          | F      | Alton | 134 | 30s          | M      | McAllen | 244 | 0-19         | M      | Pharr   |
| 25 | 40s          | M      | Alton | 135 | 40s          | F      | McAllen | 245 | 0-19         | F      | Pharr   |
| 26 | 60s          | F      | Alton | 136 | 40s          | M      | McAllen | 246 | 0-19         | F      | Pharr   |
| 27 | 70+          | F      | Alton | 137 | 40s          | M      | McAllen | 247 | 20s          | F      | Pharr   |
| 28 | 0-19         | M      | Donna | 138 | 40s          | F      | McAllen | 248 | 20s          | M      | Pharr   |
| 29 | 0-19         | F      | Donna | 139 | 40s          | M      | McAllen | 249 | 20s          | F      | Pharr   |



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| 30 | 0-19 | F | Donna    | 140 | 40s  | M | McAllen  | 250 | 30s  | F | Pharr    |
|----|------|---|----------|-----|------|---|----------|-----|------|---|----------|
| 31 | 0-19 | F | Donna    | 141 | 40s  | F | McAllen  | 251 | 30s  | F | Pharr    |
| 32 | 20s  | F | Donna    | 142 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 252 | 30s  | M | Pharr    |
| 33 | 20s  | F | Donna    | 143 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 253 | 30s  | M | Pharr    |
| 34 | 20s  | M | Donna    | 144 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 254 | 40s  | M | Pharr    |
| 35 | 20s  | F | Donna    | 145 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 255 | 40s  | M | Pharr    |
| 36 | 20s  | M | Donna    | 146 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 256 | 40s  | М | Pharr    |
| 37 | 20s  | M | Donna    | 147 | 50s  | M | McAllen  | 257 | 40s  | F | Pharr    |
| 38 | 20s  | F | Donna    | 148 | 60s  | M | McAllen  | 258 | 40s  | F | Pharr    |
| 39 | 20s  | M | Donna    | 149 | 60s  | F | McAllen  | 259 | 40s  | M | Pharr    |
| 40 | 20s  | M | Donna    | 150 | 60s  | F | McAllen  | 260 | 40s  | F | Pharr    |
| 41 | 30s  | M | Donna    | 151 | 60s  | F | McAllen  | 261 | 50s  | F | Pharr    |
| 42 | 40s  | F | Donna    | 152 | 70+  | M | McAllen  | 262 | 50s  | M | Pharr    |
| 43 | 40s  | M | Donna    | 153 | 70+  | M | McAllen  | 263 | 50s  | M | Pharr    |
| 44 | 50s  | M | Donna    | 154 | 70+  | F | McAllen  | 264 | 50s  | M | Pharr    |
| 45 | 50s  | F | Donna    | 155 | 70+  | F | McAllen  | 265 | 50s  | F | Pharr    |
| 46 | 60s  | F | Donna    | 156 | 70+  | M | McAllen  | 266 | 70+  | F | Pharr    |
| 47 | 60s  | F | Donna    | 157 | 70+  | M | McAllen  | 267 | 70+  | M | Pharr    |
| 48 | 70+  | F | Donna    | 158 | 0-19 | F | Mercedes | 268 | 70+  | F | Pharr    |
| 49 | 0-19 | F | Edinburg | 159 | 0-19 | F | Mercedes | 269 | 0-19 | F | San Juan |
| 50 | 0-19 | F | Edinburg | 160 | 0-19 | M | Mercedes | 270 | 0-19 | M | San Juan |
| 51 | 0-19 | M | Edinburg | 161 | 20s  | M | Mercedes | 271 | 0-19 | F | San Juan |
| 52 | 0-19 | F | Edinburg | 162 | 20s  | F | Mercedes | 272 | 20s  | F | San Juan |
| 53 | 0-19 | F | Edinburg | 163 | 30s  | M | Mercedes | 273 | 20s  | F | San Juan |
| 54 | 0-19 | M | Edinburg | 164 | 30s  | M | Mercedes | 274 | 20s  | M | San Juan |
| 55 | 0-19 | M | Edinburg | 165 | 40s  | F | Mercedes | 275 | 20s  | M | San Juan |
| 56 | 0-19 | M | Edinburg | 166 | 40s  | M | Mercedes | 276 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 57 | 20s  | M | Edinburg | 167 | 50s  | M | Mercedes | 277 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 58 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 168 | 50s  | F | Mercedes | 278 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 59 | 20s  | M | Edinburg | 169 | 70+  | M | Mercedes | 279 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 60 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 170 | 0-19 | M | Mission  | 280 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 61 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 171 | 0-19 | M | Mission  | 281 | 30s  | F | San Juan |
| 62 | 20s  | M | Edinburg | 172 | 0-19 | F | Mission  | 282 | 40s  | F | San Juan |
| 63 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 173 | 0-19 | F | Mission  | 283 | 40s  | M | San Juan |
| 64 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 174 | 0-19 | F | Mission  | 284 | 50s  | F | San Juan |
| 65 | 20s  | F | Edinburg | 175 | 0-19 | M | Mission  | 285 | 50s  | M | San Juan |



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| 66  | 20s | F | Edinburg | 176 | 0-19 | M | Mission | 286 | 50s  | M | San Juan    |
|-----|-----|---|----------|-----|------|---|---------|-----|------|---|-------------|
| 67  | 20s | F | Edinburg | 177 | 0-19 | F | Mission | 287 | 50s  | M | San Juan    |
| 68  | 20s | F | Edinburg | 178 | 0-19 | F | Mission | 288 | 50s  | F | San Juan    |
| 69  | 20s | M | Edinburg | 179 | 0-19 | M | Mission | 289 | 70+  | F | San Juan    |
| 70  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 180 | 0-19 | F | Mission | 290 | 70+  | F | San Juan    |
| 71  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 181 | 0-19 | М | Mission | 291 | 0-19 | F | Undisclosed |
| 72  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 182 | 20s  | F | Mission | 292 | 0-19 | M | Undisclosed |
| 73  | 30s | M | Edinburg | 183 | 20s  | M | Mission | 293 | 0-19 | M | Undisclosed |
| 74  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 184 | 20s  | M | Mission | 294 | 0-19 | F | Undisclosed |
| 75  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 185 | 20s  | M | Mission | 295 | 0-19 | F | Undisclosed |
| 76  | 30s | F | Edinburg | 186 | 20s  | M | Mission | 296 | 20s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 77  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 187 | 20s  | M | Mission | 297 | 20s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 78  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 188 | 20s  | M | Mission | 298 | 20s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 79  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 189 | 20s  | F | Mission | 299 | 20s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 80  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 190 | 20s  | M | Mission | 300 | 30s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 81  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 191 | 20s  | M | Mission | 301 | 30s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 82  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 192 | 20s  | M | Mission | 302 | 30s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 83  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 193 | 20s  | F | Mission | 303 | 30s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 84  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 194 | 20s  | M | Mission | 304 | 30s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 85  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 195 | 20s  | F | Mission | 305 | 40s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 86  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 196 | 20s  | M | Mission | 306 | 40s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 87  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 197 | 30s  | M | Mission | 307 | 40s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 88  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 198 | 30s  | M | Mission | 308 | 50s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 89  | 40s | M | Edinburg | 199 | 30s  | M | Mission | 309 | 50s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 90  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 200 | 30s  | F | Mission | 310 | 50s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 91  | 40s | F | Edinburg | 201 | 30s  | F | Mission | 311 | 50s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 92  | 50s | M | Edinburg | 202 | 30s  | F | Mission | 312 | 50s  | F | Undisclosed |
| 93  | 50s | F | Edinburg | 203 | 30s  | M | Mission | 313 | 60s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 94  | 50s | М | Edinburg | 204 | 30s  | M | Mission | 314 | 60s  | M | Undisclosed |
| 95  | 50s | F | Edinburg | 205 | 30s  | M | Mission | 315 | 70+  | F | Undisclosed |
| 96  | 50s | F | Edinburg | 206 | 30s  | F | Mission | 316 | 70+  | F | Undisclosed |
| 97  | 60s | F | Edinburg | 207 | 30s  | F | Mission | 317 | 60s  | M | Unknown     |
| 98  | 60s | M | Edinburg | 208 | 30s  | F | Mission | 318 | 0-19 | F | Weslaco     |
| 99  | 70+ | F | Edinburg | 209 | 40s  | F | Mission | 319 | 20s  | F | Weslaco     |
| 100 | 70+ | М | Edinburg | 210 | 40s  | F | Mission | 320 | 20s  | F | Weslaco     |
| 101 | 20s | M | Hidalgo  | 211 | 40s  | F | Mission | 321 | 20s  | F | Weslaco     |



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| 102 | 20s  | F | Hidalgo | 212 | 40s | F | Mission | 322 | 30s | M | Weslaco |
|-----|------|---|---------|-----|-----|---|---------|-----|-----|---|---------|
| 103 | 30s  | M | Hidalgo | 213 | 40s | F | Mission | 323 | 30s | M | Weslaco |
| 104 | 30s  | F | Hidalgo | 214 | 40s | M | Mission | 324 | 30s | M | Weslaco |
| 105 | 40s  | F | Hidalgo | 215 | 40s | F | Mission | 325 | 40s | M | Weslaco |
| 106 | 50s  | M | Hidalgo | 216 | 40s | M | Mission | 326 | 40s | F | Weslaco |
| 107 | 50s  | M | Hidalgo | 217 | 40s | M | Mission | 327 | 50s | M | Weslaco |
| 108 | 0-19 | M | McAllen | 218 | 40s | F | Mission | 328 | 60s | M | Weslaco |
| 109 | 0-19 | M | McAllen | 219 | 50s | M | Mission | 329 | 70+ | F | Weslaco |
| 110 | 0-19 | M | McAllen | 220 | 50s | M | Mission |     |     |   |         |

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