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NEWS RELEASE

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Two deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 176 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.*

COVID-19 positive case total for Wednesday		176
Confirmed	44	
Probable	95	
Suspect	37	
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County		116,938
Confirmed	68,327	
Probable	45,971	
Suspect	2,640	
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals		96
Adult	85	
Pediatric	11	
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units		45
Adult	40	
Pediatric	5	
Number Released from isolation Wednesday		150
Total released from isolation		112,732
Number of fatalities reported Wednesday		2
Total number of fatalities		3,420
Net active cases		786
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered		685,690
Total number of tests that are positive		116,938
Total number of tests that are negative		567,967
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases		12
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases		79
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff		653
Total COVID-19 Positive Students		3,174
Total TDEM Patients Infused		1,351



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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	McAllen
2	70+	Male	Pharr

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	55
12-19	30
20s	22
30s	19
40s	16
50s	15
60s	12
70+	7
Total:	176



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Age Range	Gender	City	Age Range	Gender	City		
1	0-19	F	Alamo	89	0-19	M	Mission
2	0-19	F	Alamo	90	0-19	M	Mission
3	0-19	F	Alamo	91	0-19	M	Mission
4	0-19	F	Alamo	92	0-19	F	Mission
5	0-19	F	Alamo	93	0-19	M	Mission
6	0-19	M	Alamo	94	0-19	F	Mission
7	20s	F	Alamo	95	20s	F	Mission
8	20s	F	Alamo	96	20s	F	Mission
9	50s	M	Alamo	97	20s	M	Mission
10	70+	F	Alamo	98	30s	F	Mission
11	70+	M	Alamo	99	30s	M	Mission
12	0-19	F	Alton	100	30s	F	Mission
13	0-19	F	Alton	101	30s	F	Mission
14	0-19	M	Alton	102	30s	F	Mission
15	0-19	F	Alton	103	30s	F	Mission
16	20s	F	Alton	104	40s	F	Mission
17	20s	M	Alton	105	40s	F	Mission
18	60s	F	Alton	106	40s	F	Mission
19	0-19	M	Donna	107	40s	M	Mission
20	0-19	F	Donna	108	40s	M	Mission
21	0-19	M	Donna	109	40s	F	Mission
22	20s	F	Donna	110	50s	F	Mission
23	30s	M	Donna	111	50s	F	Mission
24	0-19	F	Edinburg	112	50s	F	Mission
25	0-19	F	Edinburg	113	50s	M	Mission
26	0-19	M	Edinburg	114	50s	M	Mission
27	0-19	F	Edinburg	115	60s	M	Mission
28	0-19	M	Edinburg	116	60s	F	Mission
29	0-19	M	Edinburg	117	60s	F	Mission
30	0-19	F	Edinburg	118	60s	F	Mission
31	0-19	M	Edinburg	119	70+	F	Mission
32	0-19	F	Edinburg	120	0-19	F	Pharr
33	0-19	F	Edinburg	121	0-19	M	Pharr
34	0-19	F	Edinburg	122	0-19	M	Pharr
35	0-19	M	Edinburg	123	0-19	F	Pharr
36	0-19	F	Edinburg	124	0-19	M	Pharr



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37	20s	F	Edinburg	125	0-19	F	Pharr
38	20s	M	Edinburg	126	0-19	F	Pharr
39	20s	F	Edinburg	127	0-19	F	Pharr
40	20s	F	Edinburg	128	0-19	F	Pharr
41	20s	F	Edinburg	129	0-19	F	Pharr
42	30s	M	Edinburg	130	0-19	F	Pharr
43	30s	F	Edinburg	131	0-19	F	Pharr
44	30s	F	Edinburg	132	0-19	M	Pharr
45	30s	F	Edinburg	133	0-19	F	Pharr
46	30s	M	Edinburg	134	0-19	F	Pharr
47	60s	M	Edinburg	135	0-19	F	Pharr
48	60s	F	Edinburg	136	0-19	F	Pharr
49	70+	M	Edinburg	137	0-19	M	Pharr
50	70+	M	Edinburg	138	20s	M	Pharr
51	0-19	M	Hidalgo	139	30s	M	Pharr
52	40s	F	Hidalgo	140	30s	F	Pharr
53	50s	F	Hidalgo	141	30s	F	Pharr
54	0-19	F	McAllen	142	40s	M	Pharr
55	0-19	F	McAllen	143	50s	M	Pharr
56	0-19	M	McAllen	144	0-19	F	San Juan
57	0-19	F	McAllen	145	0-19	M	San Juan
58	0-19	F	McAllen	146	0-19	M	San Juan
59	0-19	M	McAllen	147	0-19	M	San Juan
60	0-19	M	McAllen	148	0-19	F	San Juan
61	0-19	M	McAllen	149	0-19	F	San Juan
62	20s	M	McAllen	150	0-19	F	San Juan
63	20s	M	McAllen	151	0-19	F	San Juan
64	20s	F	McAllen	152	0-19	F	San Juan
65	20s	M	McAllen	153	0-19	M	San Juan
66	20s	M	McAllen	154	20s	M	San Juan
67	30s	M	McAllen	155	30s	F	San Juan
68	30s	M	McAllen	156	60s	M	San Juan
69	40s	F	McAllen	157	0-19	F	Undisclosed
70	40s	M	McAllen	158	0-19	M	Undisclosed
71	40s	M	McAllen	159	0-19	F	Undisclosed
72	40s	M	McAllen	160	0-19	M	Undisclosed
73	40s	F	McAllen	161	0-19	M	Undisclosed
74	50s	M	McAllen	162	0-19	M	Undisclosed
75	50s	F	McAllen	163	0-19	F	Undisclosed



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76	50s	F	McAllen	164	20s	M	Undisclosed
77	50s	M	McAllen	165	40s	M	Undisclosed
78	50s	F	McAllen	166	40s	F	Undisclosed
79	60s	F	McAllen	167	0-19	M	Weslaco
80	60s	F	McAllen	168	0-19	M	Weslaco
81	60s	F	McAllen	169	0-19	F	Weslaco
82	70+	F	McAllen	170	0-19	M	Weslaco
83	0-19	F	Mercedes	171	0-19	M	Weslaco
84	50s	F	Mercedes	172	20s	F	Weslaco
85	60s	F	Mercedes	173	30s	F	Weslaco
86	0-19	M	Mission	174	40s	F	Weslaco
87	0-19	F	Mission	175	50s	M	Weslaco
88	0-19	F	Mission	176	70+	F	Weslaco

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