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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Four deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 115 newly reported positive cases. Of the four deceased individuals, three 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 Thursday		115
Confirmed	14	
Probable	49	
Suspect	52	
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County		117,053
Confirmed	68,342	
Probable	46,019	
Suspect	2,692	
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals		97
Adult	86	
Pediatric	11	
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units		41
Adult	36	
Pediatric	5	
Number Released from isolation Thursday		112
Total released from isolation		112,844
Number of fatalities reported Thursday		4
Total number of fatalities		3,424
Net active cases		785
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered		687,065
Total number of tests that are positive		117,053
Total number of tests that are negative		569,261
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases		4
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases		16
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff		657
Total COVID-19 Positive Students		3,190
Total TDEM Patients Infused		1,383



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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	60s	Male	Edinburg
2	50s	Male	Undisclosed
3	50s	Male	Weslaco
4	60s	Male	Weslaco

Case Breakdown by Age Group:

Age Range	Number of Cases
0-11	33
12-19	14
20s	12
30s	18
40s	12
50s	15
60s	6
70+	5
Total:	115



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Thursday, October 21, 2021 positive cases include:

	Age Range	Gender	City		Age Range	Gender	City
1	20s	M	Alamo	59	0-19	F	Mission
2	70+	M	Alamo	60	20s	F	Mission
3	0-19	F	Alton	61	20s	M	Mission
4	0-19	M	Alton	62	20s	M	Mission
5	0-19	F	Donna	63	30s	F	Mission
6	0-19	M	Donna	64	30s	M	Mission
7	0-19	F	Donna	65	40s	F	Mission
8	20s	M	Donna	66	40s	F	Mission
9	30s	M	Donna	67	40s	M	Mission
10	30s	F	Donna	68	50s	F	Mission
11	40s	F	Donna	69	50s	F	Mission
12	0-19	F	Edinburg	70	50s	F	Mission
13	0-19	F	Edinburg	71	50s	M	Mission
14	0-19	M	Edinburg	72	50s	M	Mission
15	20s	M	Edinburg	73	60s	M	Mission
16	20s	M	Edinburg	74	60s	M	Mission
17	30s	M	Edinburg	75	60s	F	Mission
18	30s	M	Edinburg	76	70+	F	Mission
19	30s	F	Edinburg	77	0-19	F	Pharr
20	30s	M	Edinburg	78	0-19	M	Pharr
21	60s	F	Edinburg	79	0-19	F	Pharr
22	70+	F	Edinburg	80	0-19	M	Pharr
23	0-19	M	Hidalgo	81	0-19	M	Pharr
24	0-19	F	Hidalgo	82	0-19	M	Pharr
25	0-19	F	Hidalgo	83	0-19	F	Pharr
26	0-19	M	Hidalgo	84	20s	M	Pharr
27	50s	M	Hidalgo	85	20s	F	Pharr
28	0-19	M	McAllen	86	30s	M	Pharr
29	0-19	F	McAllen	87	40s	F	Pharr
30	0-19	M	McAllen	88	40s	M	Pharr
31	0-19	F	McAllen	89	0-19	F	San Juan
32	20s	M	McAllen	90	0-19	F	San Juan
33	30s	M	McAllen	91	0-19	F	San Juan
34	30s	F	McAllen	92	0-19	M	San Juan
35	30s	F	McAllen	93	0-19	M	San Juan
36	40s	M	McAllen	94	0-19	M	San Juan



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37	50s	F	McAllen	95	30s	F	San Juan
38	50s	M	McAllen	96	40s	M	San Juan
39	50s	F	McAllen	97	40s	M	San Juan
40	50s	F	McAllen	98	50s	F	San Juan
41	0-19	F	Mercedes	99	50s	F	San Juan
42	0-19	M	Mercedes	100	60s	F	Undisclosed
43	30s	M	Mercedes	101	70+	F	Undisclosed
44	30s	F	Mercedes	102	0-19	F	Weslaco
45	50s	F	Mercedes	103	0-19	F	Weslaco
46	60s	M	Mercedes	104	0-19	F	Weslaco
47	0-19	F	Mission	105	20s	M	Weslaco
48	0-19	M	Mission	106	20s	M	Weslaco
49	0-19	M	Mission	107	30s	F	Weslaco
50	0-19	M	Mission	108	30s	F	Weslaco
51	0-19	F	Mission	109	30s	M	Weslaco
52	0-19	F	Mission	110	40s	M	Weslaco
53	0-19	F	Mission	111	40s	F	Weslaco
54	0-19	M	Mission	112	40s	M	Weslaco
55	0-19	F	Mission	113	50s	M	Weslaco
56	0-19	F	Mission	114	50s	F	Weslaco
57	0-19	F	Mission	115	70+	F	Weslaco
58	0-19	F	Mission				

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