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NEWS RELEASE

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Seven deaths related to COVID-19 reported in Hidalgo County along with 92 newly reported positive cases. Of the seven deceased individuals, five 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	92
Confirmed	41
Probable	51
Suspect	0
Total COVID-19 positive cases in Hidalgo County	194,884
Confirmed	126,546
Probable	65,177
Suspect	3,161
Total number in Hidalgo County hospitals	66
Adult	64
Pediatric	2
Total number of hospitalized patients in intensive care units	21
Adult	20
Pediatric	1
Number Released from isolation Wednesday	188
Total released from isolation	190,248
Number of fatalities reported Wednesday	7
Total number of fatalities	3,861
Net active cases	775
Total number of COVID-19 tests administered	1,006,417
Total number of tests that are positive	194,884
Total number of tests that are negative	810,722
Daily Schools Staff COVID-19 positive cases	0
Daily Schools Student COVID-19 positive cases	0
Total COVID-19 Positive School Staff	4,825
Total COVID-19 Positive Students	16,589
Total TDEM Patients Infused	6,150



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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	11
12-19	10
20s	11
30s	13
40s	13
50s	11
60s	13
70+	10
Total:	92

The deaths include:

	Age Range	Gender	City
1	70+	Female	Donna
2	30s	Male	Edinburg
3	70+	Female	McAllen
4	70+	Male	Mercedes
5	70+	Male	Mission
6	60s	Female	Pharr
7	30s	Male	San Juan



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Wednesday, March 16, 2022 positive cases include:

	Age Range	Gender	City		Age Range	Gender	City
1	20s	M	Alamo	47	60s	M	McAllen
2	40s	F	Alamo	48	50s	F	Mercedes
3	70+	F	Alamo	49	0-19	F	Mission
4	70+	F	Alamo	50	0-19	F	Mission
5	20s	F	Alton	51	0-19	F	Mission
6	20s	F	Alton	52	0-19	F	Mission
7	30s	M	Alton	53	0-19	M	Mission
8	0-19	F	Donna	54	0-19	M	Mission
9	30s	M	Donna	55	0-19	F	Mission
10	30s	F	Donna	56	20s	F	Mission
11	40s	F	Donna	57	30s	M	Mission
12	40s	F	Donna	58	30s	F	Mission
13	0-19	M	Edinburg	59	30s	F	Mission
14	0-19	M	Edinburg	60	30s	M	Mission
15	0-19	F	Edinburg	61	30s	F	Mission
16	20s	F	Edinburg	62	50s	F	Mission
17	30s	F	Edinburg	63	60s	M	Mission
18	30s	F	Edinburg	64	60s	F	Mission
19	30s	M	Edinburg	65	60s	F	Mission
20	40s	F	Edinburg	66	60s	M	Mission
21	40s	F	Edinburg	67	0-19	M	Pharr
22	50s	F	Edinburg	68	0-19	M	Pharr
23	50s	F	Edinburg	69	20s	M	Pharr
24	50s	F	Edinburg	70	40s	F	Pharr
25	50s	F	Edinburg	71	40s	M	Pharr
26	60s	F	Edinburg	72	50s	F	Pharr
27	60s	F	Edinburg	73	60s	F	Pharr
28	70+	F	Edinburg	74	60s	M	Pharr
29	70+	F	Edinburg	75	60s	M	Pharr
30	70+	F	Edinburg	76	60s	F	Pharr
31	70+	M	Edinburg	77	70+	F	Pharr
32	0-19	F	McAllen	78	70+	F	Pharr
33	0-19	M	McAllen	79	0-19	F	San Juan
34	0-19	F	McAllen	80	0-19	M	San Juan
35	0-19	F	McAllen	81	20s	M	San Juan



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36	20s	M	McAllen	82	0-19	F	Undisclosed
37	20s	M	McAllen	83	20s	F	Undisclosed
38	30s	F	McAllen	84	40s	F	Undisclosed
39	30s	F	McAllen	85	40s	F	Undisclosed
40	40s	F	McAllen	86	60s	F	Undisclosed
41	40s	M	McAllen	87	0-19	F	Weslaco
42	40s	F	McAllen	88	20s	F	Weslaco
43	40s	F	McAllen	89	50s	F	Weslaco
44	50s	M	McAllen	90	50s	F	Weslaco
45	50s	M	McAllen	91	70+	F	Weslaco
46	60s	F	McAllen	92	70+	F	Weslaco

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