

Press Release from County Judge, Scott Kniffen released 5/19/20 1:00pm

As of May 19, Callahan County had been notified that we have eight active cases and two probable cases and that eight more are no longer being actively monitored. Of these ten cases (eight confirmed and two probable), one is between the ages of 5 and 18, one is between 19 and 49, six are between 50 and 64, and two are 65 or older. Nine of the ten cases were travel related.

It has been amazing to watch as people adapted throughout this experience. The Senior Center in Cross Plains had to close its dining area, of course, and all the clients there had to receive their meals through delivery or drive-through. The staff there has had a different theme each day with special t-shirts and hats to match the theme. You can see what they do on Facebook every day.

The Clyde Library had to close but continued its “toddler time” readings but has done so over the internet and has expanded to an additional reading time for older kids. They instituted a check-out and check-in process that permitted folks to continue to obtain books and movies.

Many of our churches have adapted by broadcasting multiple services throughout the week on Facebook or YouTube or with drive-in services.

At the courthouse, our Agricultural Extension Agent, Karl Winge, has continued his virtual training sessions using Facebook. He updates the county on 4-H issues, holds “lunch ‘n learn” on various topics, and even helped with a statewide virtual catfish tournament. If you haven’t looked in on his Callahan County 4-H page on Facebook, you’re missing out on a lot of good information.

While we are a long way from “normal,” these and many other examples show the resiliency of Callahan County folks. We are making plans to reopen the courthouse and that information will be provided soon. Please continue to practice the sanitary and social distancing standards and don’t hesitate to call if you need assistance.