

Press Release – 01/06/2022

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has reported that, as of December 25th 61 Callahan County residents have died from COVID-19. No COVID related fatalities have been reported since that date. As of January 6th DSHS reported 137 active or probable active cases in the county with 72 new confirmed cases in the last 14 days. Both of these represent significant increases. DSHS reported a total of 1007 confirmed and 1101 probable cases in Callahan County since they started tracking data. Information on the vaccination status of these individuals is not reported on the DSHS website.

Hospitalization information available from the DSHS disclosed that the percentage of hospital beds allocated to COVID-19 patients in the Abilene Trauma Service Area is 13.14% as of January 5th. This percentage has also increased since the last press release. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

Vaccines are available from some providers in the county but, if you are home-bound, arrangements can be made to provide the vaccine at your home. Thanks to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas National Guard, and the senior centers, this service has been provided in the Cross Plains, Clyde, and Baird areas. Please contact one of the senior centers in the county or call Callahan County at 325-854-5805 if you would like to have this service.

Please continue to be diligent in your efforts to prevent infections using good sanitation practices and following recommended protocols. Although masks are not required, some businesses may still require them.