

Press Release – 02/01/2021

Data from the Texas Department of State Health Services disclosed the following Callahan County information, effective January 31, 2021:

Fatalities from COVID-19 - 32

Confirmed cases - 552

Probable cases - 511

Active cases (confirmed and probable) - 18

14-day new case total - 40

As of January 31st, DSHS reported that the percentage of hospital beds in the Abilene Trauma Service Area (TSA) utilized by COVID-19 patients is 11.05%. This percentage has been under 15% for four days. It was over 15% more than 14 days which resulted in mandatory closure of bars and restrictions on restaurants to 50% capacity. These restrictions still apply.

Information on getting on the waiting list for vaccination at the Abilene/Taylor County Health Department vaccination hub can be found at <https://abilenetx.gov/covid19>. If you want to receive the vaccination, however, you can register with any provider.

Providers in Callahan County that have received the vaccine include the United Pharmacy in Clyde and the Resource Care locations in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. A call to any of these providers will give you information on availability.

If you find that you are required to register on-line and are having difficulty, all three libraries have agreed to assist anyone needing to register on-line. Please contact your nearest library for assistance. Due to social distancing guidelines, you will probably need to make a reservation to use the computer.

If you need transportation to the vaccination provider, Central Texas Rural Transit District / City and Rural Rides will provide that transportation at no cost. You can contact them at 800-710-2277 to make a reservation.

While the percentage of beds used by COVID-19 patients in our TSA and our active cases have gone down, we cannot reduce our diligence. Please remember to wear your masks, particularly when inside and when you are not able to maintain at least six feet distance from others. Continue to use good disinfectant practices and use hand sanitizer. Utilize the curbside, delivery, or drive-through options when possible.

As always, please remember all these victims and their families in your prayers.