

Press Release – 07/19/2021

After staying relatively low the last couple of months, hospitalization information from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) disclosed that the percentage of hospital beds allocated to COVID-19 patients is increasing. There were several days where the percentage was below 1% but as of July 18<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported 2.72% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. This percentage has been below 15% since January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Callahan County has not had a fatality reported in over 30 days and remains at a total of 41 fatalities from COVID-19. We currently have had 622 confirmed and 596 probable cases. We have three active cases as of July 19<sup>th</sup>.

DSHS reports that 74.46% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 51.42% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 56.86% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 30.72% of those over 12 have been fully vaccinated. We will continue to work with the cities throughout the county to identify those who want to receive the vaccination and try to get the National Guard to assist if needed.

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.

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