

Press Release – 08/30/2021

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is now reporting that 44 Callahan County citizens have died from COVID-19. As of August 30<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported 24 active cases in the county and 27 new cases in the last 14 days. Both are down from last week's report. DSHS reported a total of 703 confirmed and 681 probable cases in Callahan County since they started tracking data.

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 27.1% as of August 29<sup>th</sup>, a significant increase over last week. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported that 2.72% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, that percentage was at 8%. Last week the percentage was reported at 14.76%. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

DSHS reports that 76.92% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 56.85% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 58.49% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 33.92% of those over 12 have been fully vaccinated.

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.