

Press Release – 12/06/2021

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has reported that, as of November 5th, 57 Callahan County residents have died from COVID-19. No COVID related fatalities have been reported since that date. As of December 5th, DSHS reported 46 active or probable active cases in the county with 29 new confirmed cases in the last 14 days. DSHS reported a total of 909 confirmed and 1010 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 10.44% as of December 5th. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

DSHS reports that 83.01% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 5 and older, 59.71% have been fully vaccinated. In Callahan County, 64.16% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 38.19% of those over 5 have been fully vaccinated.

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. We are working with the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas National Guard to provide a vaccination mission around December 17th. Please contact the Cross Plains Senior Center, the Callahan County Seniors, or call the 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.