

Press Release – 01/19/2021

Data from the Texas Department of State Health Services disclosed the following Callahan County information, effective January 18, 2021:

Fatalities from COVID-19 - 27

Confirmed cases - 481

Probable cases - 450

Active cases (confirmed and probable) - 18

14-day new case total - 69

As of January 18th, DSHS reported that the percentage of hospital beds in the Abilene Trauma Service Area (TSA) utilized by COVID-19 patients is over 22%. This percentage has been over 15% for more than 14 days which resulted in mandatory closure of bars and restrictions on restaurants to 50% capacity.

200 doses of the vaccine are supposed to be received by Callahan County providers this week. Information on the availability of vaccine can be found at

<https://tdem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=3700a84845c5470cb0dc3ddace5c376b>.

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.