

Press Release – 01/29/2021

Data from the Texas Department of State Health Services disclosed the following Callahan County information, effective January 28, 2021:

Fatalities from COVID-19 - 31

Confirmed cases - 542

Probable cases - 508

Active cases (confirmed and probable) - 20

14-day new case total - 38

As of January 28<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported that the percentage of hospital beds in the Abilene Trauma Service Area (TSA) utilized by COVID-19 patients is 12.07%. This percentage has been under 15% for two days. It was over 15% more than 14 days which resulted in mandatory closure of bars and restrictions on restaurants to 50% capacity. These restriction 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. Wherever you receive the first dose would need to be where you receive the second dose. Providers in Callahan County that have received the vaccine include the United Pharmacy in Clyde and the Resource Care locations in Clyde and Cross Plains.

If you do not have the ability to register on-line, you may contact your local library. All three of the libraries in the county have computer access that is available for public use. All three libraries have agreed to assist you if you need 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 will need to advise them that you are going to be vaccinated and transport will need to be to the nearest facility. 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, our active cases, and our 14 day total 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.