

Press Release – 02/05/2021

Data from the Texas Department of State Health Services disclosed the following Callahan County information, effective February 4, 2021:

Fatalities from COVID-19 - 35

Confirmed cases - 565

Probable cases - 524

Active cases (confirmed and probable) - 21

14-day new case total - 43

As of February 4<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported that the percentage of hospital beds in the Abilene Trauma Service Area (TSA) utilized by COVID-19 patients is 8.65%. This percentage has been under 15% for eight days. It was over 15% more than 14 days which resulted in mandatory closure of bars and restrictions on restaurants to 50% capacity. Our 14-day new case total is over 30 so these restrictions still apply. If the TSA percentage remains below 15% and our 14-day new case total drops below 30, we will be able to reopen our bars and increase capacity in restaurants and other affected businesses to 75%.

Information on getting on vaccinations has been printed in previous press releases and has not changed as of this date.

For information on the Abilene/Taylor County Health Department vaccination hub go to <https://abilenetx.gov/covid19>.

Providers in Callahan County include the United Pharmacy in Clyde and the Resource Care locations in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. A call to any of these providers will give you information on availability.

All three libraries are prepared to assist anyone needing to register on-line. Please contact your nearest library for assistance.

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 can contact them at 800-710-2277 to make a reservation.

While the percentage of beds used by COVID-19 patients in our TSA, 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.