

Press Release – 08/02/2021

In many areas of Texas, we are seeing increases in confirmed cases of COVID-19. Callahan County is no exception. We have four individuals who work at the courthouse who have been diagnosed as positive.

Hospitalization information available from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) disclosed that the percentage of hospital beds allocated to COVID-19 patients in the Abilene Trauma Service Area is increasing. As of July 18<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reported 2.72% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. Today, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, that percentage was at 8%. This percentage has been below 15% since January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Callahan County remains at a total of 41 fatalities from COVID-19. We currently have had 640 confirmed and 607 probable cases. We have 21 active cases as of August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

DSHS reports that 75.03% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 52.77% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 57.10% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 31.32% of those over 12 have been fully vaccinated. We will continue to work with the cities throughout the county to identify those who want to receive the vaccination and try to get the National Guard to assist if needed.

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.

As always, please remember all these victims and their families in your prayers.