

Press Release – 08/16/2021

We continue to see increases in confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Callahan County. As of August 15, 2021, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reported 28 active cases in the county and 34 cases in the last 14 days. DSHS reported a total of 674 confirmed and 642 probable cases since they started tracking data. Callahan County remains at a total of 41 fatalities from COVID-19.

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 14.45% as of August 14th. On July 18th, DSHS reported that 2.72% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. On August 2nd, that percentage was at 8%.

DSHS reports that 75.81% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 54.39% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 57.64% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 32.20% 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.