

Press Release – 09/09/2021

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is now reporting that 48 Callahan County citizens have died from COVID-19. As of September 9th, DSHS reported 53 active cases in the county and 51 new cases in the last 14 days. DSHS reported a total of 761 confirmed and 771 probable cases in Callahan County since they started tracking data.

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 28.66% as of September 8th. On July 18th, DSHS reported that 2.72% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. On August 2nd, that percentage was at 8%. On August 23rd, that percentage was 14.46. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

DSHS reports that 77.63% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 58.42% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 59.97% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 35.62% of those over 12 have been fully vaccinated.

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.