

Press Release – 09/20/2021

As of September 19, 2021, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is reporting that 50 Callahan County residents have died from COVID-19. As of September 20th, DSHS reported 33 active cases in the county, down from last weeks 56 active cases, and 45 new cases in the last 14 days, also a reduction. DSHS reported a total of 784 confirmed and 811 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 27.27% as of September 20th, a slight increase. On August 2nd, DSHS reported that 8% of the hospitalizations were COVID patients. 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 78.45% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 12 and older, 60.41% have been fully vaccinated.

In Callahan County, 60.65% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 37.13% of those over 12 have been fully vaccinated. Vaccines are available from some providers in the county but, if you are home-bound, arrangements can be made to provide the vaccine at your home. Please call the courthouse at 325-854-5805 if you would like to have this service.

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.