

Press Release – 11/22/2021

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has reported that, as of November 5, 2021, 57 Callahan County residents have died from COVID-19. No additional deaths have been reported since that date. As of November 21<sup>st</sup>, DSHS reported 32 active or probable active cases in the county with 7 new confirmed cases in the last 14 days. DSHS reported a total of 880 confirmed and 996 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 6.01% as of November 20<sup>h</sup>. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

DSHS reports that 82.36% of the residents of Texas over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine. Of those 5 and older, 58.62% have been fully vaccinated. In Callahan County, 64.03% of our residents over 65 have received both doses of the vaccine and 37.88% of those over 5 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.