

Press Release – 03/28/2022

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has reported that a total of 72 Callahan County residents have died from COVID-19. That number was reached February 19<sup>th</sup> and no COVID related fatalities have been reported since that date. Our new confirmed case total remains low and was reported to be 8 new confirmed cases in the last 14 days. The total number of confirmed and probable cases reported by DSHS continues to rise slightly with 1424 confirmed and 1398 probable cases in Callahan County as of March 28<sup>th</sup>. Information on the vaccination status of these individuals is not reported on the DSHS website. DSHS is not currently reporting active cases.

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 0.40% as of March 27<sup>th</sup>. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

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. Thanks to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas National Guard, and the senior centers, this service has been provided in the Cross Plains, Clyde, and Baird areas. Please contact one of the senior centers in the county or call Callahan County 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.