

Press Release – 07/11/2022

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, gratefully, no COVID related fatalities have been reported since that date. Our confirmed new case total has been increasing recently and, as of July 10<sup>th</sup>, DSHS reports 28 confirmed new cases in the prior 14 days.

The total number of confirmed and probable cases reported by DSHS continues to rise slightly with 1510 confirmed and 1549 probable cases in Callahan County as of July 10<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 2.56% as of July 9<sup>th</sup>. More comprehensive information on these statistics can be found at

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/AdditionalData.aspx>.

Vaccines continue to be available from local providers. Please continue to be diligent in your efforts to prevent infections using good sanitation practices and following recommended protocols.