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ALLEGANY COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL REMAINS HIGH CDC updates recommendations for Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 boosters

CUMBERLAND, MD – As COVID transmission rates around the region continue to be elevated, Allegany County remains at the CDC’s High Community Level for COVID-19. In regions where community levels of COVID are high the CDC recommends that individuals wear a high-quality mask in public indoor areas. The CDC also states that if you are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities where you could be exposed.

On September 1, the CDC announced updated recommendations for Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 boosters for people age 12 and up. The updated booster dose is a bivalent formula that both boosts immunity against the original coronavirus strain and also protects against the newer Omicron variants that account for most of the current cases.

To stay up-to-date on vaccinations the CDC recommends an updated booster dose at least 2 months after an individual’s last COVID-19 shot—either since their last booster dose, or since completing their primary series. Pfizer’s updated booster shot is authorized for individuals 12 and older, and Moderna’s is authorized for adults 18 and older. As new variants of the virus emerge, updated boosters are intended to provide optimal protection against COVID-19.

The Allegany County Health Department continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations on Wednesdays on the first floor of its offices at 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland. Vaccinations for ages 12 and older are available from 9 a.m. to noon. Vaccinations for children ages 5 to 11 are offered from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is preferred for vaccinations and registration links can be found at health.maryland.gov/allegany. Parents of children under five should contact their child’s pediatric office to schedule a COVID vaccination.

Free drive-thru testing continues at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 1:

- CDC COVID-19 Community Level: High
- Percent of Allegany County Population Fully Vaccinated (*based on CDC data*): 56.5%
- New COVID Cases This Week: 382 since August 19 (cumulative total 19,594)
- Additional Deaths This Week: 2 since August 19 (cumulative total 374)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 36.11 (Maryland: 17.06)
- Positivity Rate: 18.28% (Maryland: 10.56%)

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