



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND CORONAVIRUS JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

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ALLEGANY COVID CASE RATE CONTIUES TO DROP GRADUALLY; STILL HIGHEST IN MARYLAND

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that Allegany County’s COVID-19 case rate continues to gradually drop, down from 98.24 cases per 100,000 people on Friday, February 4 to 70.08 cases per 100,000 on Sunday, February 6. While this is encouraging improvement, Allegany’s case rate is currently the highest of any jurisdiction in Maryland.

The health department continues to offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Allegany County Fairgrounds (11400 Moss Ave., Cumberland) on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available on Wednesdays at the Allegany County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment is needed for first and second doses of Moderna vaccine (age 18+) and first, second, and booster doses of Pfizer vaccine (age 12+). Appointments are still required for the Moderna booster vaccine and can be scheduled using the links below:

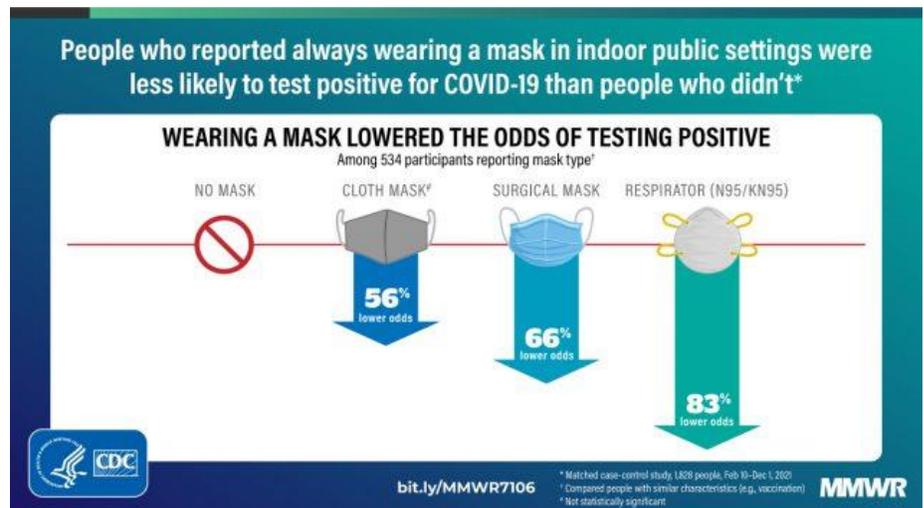
- February 9: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1012896169>
- February 16: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6969120821>
- February 23: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6969150521>

For assistance registering for an appointment, county residents can call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are also widely available at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, and some primary care providers.

Members of the public can also obtain a limited supply of free KN95 masks by stopping by the Willowbrook Office Complex (12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD) or any branch of the Allegany County Library System during regular business hours. Studies have shown that consistently wearing a face mask in indoor public settings is associated with lower risk of COVID-19. N95 masks and KN95 masks provided the most protection, reducing the change of infection by 83% as compared to 56% for cloth masks and 66% for surgical masks.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF FEBRUARY 6:

- New COVID Cases: 112 (cumulative total 15,954)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 333)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 70.08 (Maryland: 23.71)
- Positivity Rate: 14.66% (Maryland: 6.12%)
- Percentage of Population Fully Vaccinated: 50.1% (Maryland: 73.0%)



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