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ALLEGANY COUNTY CASES OF COVID-19 RISE TO 31
New cases confirmed in same nursing facility already reporting cases.

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Allegany County has risen to 31. This includes additional cases at a nursing home with previously confirmed cases. That facility now has a total of nine patients and four staff members who are fighting the disease. Of the four staff members, one is a Mineral County resident who is not part of the official count for Allegany County.

In an unrelated case, a fifth Mineral County resident employed in Allegany County also tested positive for COVID-19. As with all other cases, a contact investigation is underway and individuals who may have been exposed will be notified.
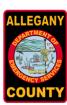
It is more important now than ever to practice social distancing and to stay at home as much as possible. Even essential personnel should stay at home if they feel sick. However, recognizing that there are times when Marylander's must go out for essential items such as groceries, prescriptions, or medical care, Governor Hogan issued an executive order requiring every individual to wear a face covering when going into any retail establishment or when using public transportation. The Allegany County health department is urging residents to comply with the Governor's order, which goes into effect on Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 a.m.

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