

## DATA BRIEF: ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 STATISTICS

September 29, 2021

### DATA SUMMARY:

The population of Allegany County is estimated at 70,416 people. 7,930 of those individuals are under the age of 12 and cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccination at this time, bringing the total number of vaccine-eligible Allegany County residents to 62,486. As of September 28th, only about half of those eligible — 31,335 Allegany County residents — were fully vaccinated against COVID-19. (To be considered fully vaccinated, individuals must have received two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine.) The remaining 30,151 eligible county residents (50%) are not fully vaccinated.

Allegany County, like other jurisdictions where COVID vaccination rates are low, has seen a sharp increase in the rate of COVID-19 infections in recent months. With only 50% of vaccine-eligible residents fully vaccinated against COVID-19, the Allegany County COVID case rate has been among the highest in Maryland since July. When we include the population of children under 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, only 44% of our residents are fully vaccinated.

Allegany County identified 2,235 new COVID-19 cases between April 1, 2021 and September 28, 2021. Of those new cases, 1,815 (81.2%) occurred in individuals who were not fully vaccinated against COVID-19. During the same time period, 218 people were hospitalized, and of those 167 were not fully vaccinated (76.6%).

Since April 1, a total of 21 Allegany County residents have died from COVID-19. Twenty of those fatalities (95.2%) occurred in individuals who were not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

### ALLEGANY COUNTY RESIDENTS NOT FULLY VACCINATED ACCOUNTED FOR...

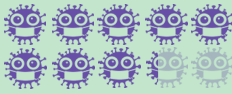
95%  
OF COVID DEATHS



77%  
OF HOSPITALIZATIONS



81%  
OF COVID CASES



56%  
OF THE POPULATION



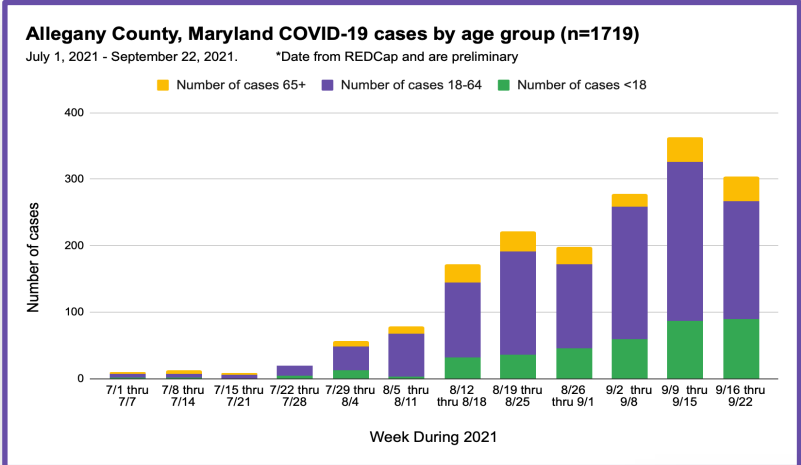
Calculations based on data from April 1 to September 28, 2021 and an estimated county population of 70,416 people.

### ONGOING ACHD STRATEGIES TO COMBAT COVID-19:

- Free **COVID TESTING** has continued three days per week at the Allegany County Fairgrounds since November 11, 2020.
- Free **COVID VACCINATIONS** (All approved brands - Moderna, Johnson & Johnson for ages 18+; Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty for ages 12+) have been offered since January 2021. The health department continues to offer vaccines based on expert guidance from the CDC and Maryland Department of Health. Most recently we have added Pfizer COVID booster vaccine clinics as recommended by state and federal public health officials.
- Access to answers through our **COVID CALL CENTER** at 240-650-3999 and through Facebook at *AlleganyHlthMD*.
- Community **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION** through regular media releases, social media and website posts, and partnerships with other agencies to connect the public to vaccine providers, reliable resources and factual information.

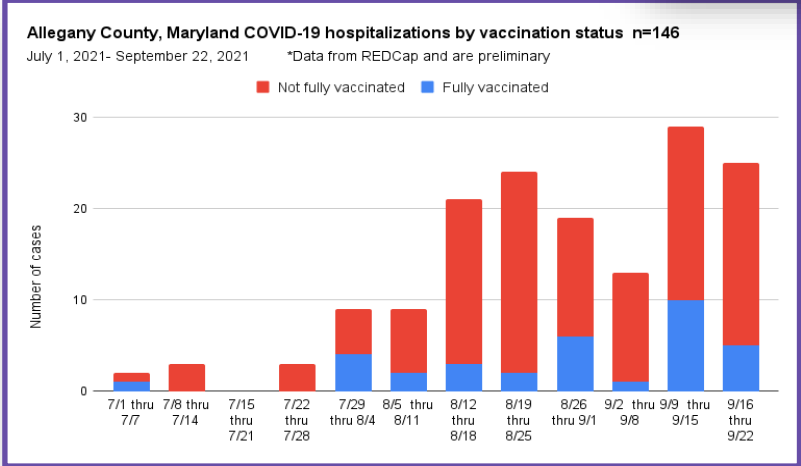
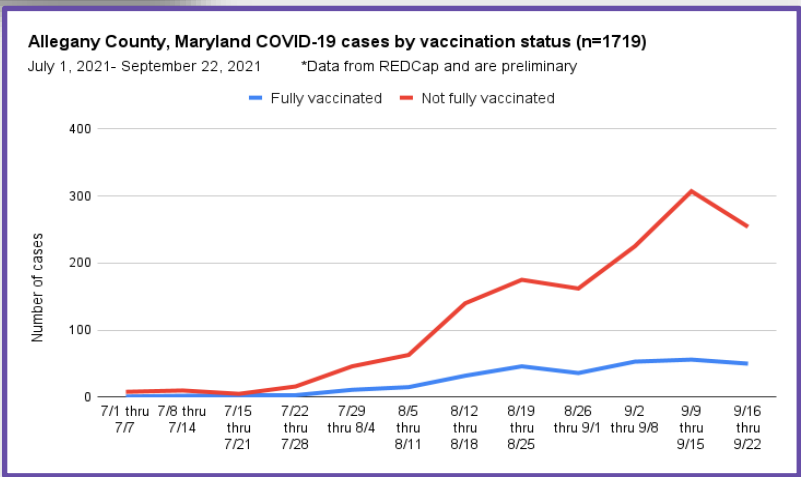
# DELTA COVID-19 SURGE DATA ANALYSIS:

Reporting Period: July 1—September 22, 2021



**LEFT:** The shape of the curve shows a COVID-19 delta surge in Allegany County. The surge is fueled by people under the age of 65. Individuals under the age of 18 represent a growing proportion of cases, 29.3% of the most recent analyzed week. Individuals age 65 and older represent a minority of COVID-19 cases as 80% of county residents age 65 and older are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

**RIGHT:** The red line represents COVID-19 cases occurring in county residents who were not fully vaccinated. Individuals who were not fully vaccinated made up the majority of cases. Fully vaccinated county residents represent far fewer of the cases.




**LEFT:** Vaccination reduces risk of hospitalization due to COVID-19. Most Allegany County residents who were hospitalized due to COVID-19 were not fully vaccinated. During the most recent week represented on the chart, 80% of those hospitalized were not fully vaccinated.

*Vaccination is safe and effective, and the best way to counteract the surge. ACHD is prepared to answer your questions and vaccinate you when you are ready.*

**DATA SOURCE:** REDCap. All data presented in this document reflect the most recent information available on COVID-19 in Allegany County, Maryland as of September 28, 2021. All data are preliminary and subject to change.

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