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ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 CASE COUNT RISES TO 57

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegheny County Health Department reports that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Allegheny County has risen to 57 – an increase of 25 cases since Friday. The majority of the new cases are residents and staff members at a nursing home with previously confirmed cases. That facility now has a total of 32 patients and six staff members who are fighting the virus. Two staff members are Mineral County residents and are not included in the Allegheny County case count.

On Friday, the state sent an assessment team to review the nursing home’s practices and steps being taken to limit the spread of illness at the facility. The assessment team concluded that the facility has been very proactive and is following CDC guidance for protecting residents and staff and isolating the ill. The state team was onsite to assist and support the efforts of the nursing home and suggested an expansion of testing of staff and residents. A total of 21 residents and two staff members were tested Saturday.

“This virus is highly contagious,” stated Jenelle Mayer, Health Officer for Allegheny County. “The virus spreads easily, especially in places like long-term care facilities where many individuals live together.”

"It is not easy to out-manuever this virus, particularly in congregate living facilities. Healthcare workers at Cumberland Healthcare Center, like healthcare workers everywhere, give of themselves selflessly and deserve the support of the community. ACHD stands by to assist them in any way possible," added Dr. Jennifer Corder, Medical Deputy Health Officer for Allegheny and Garrett Counties.

The Allegheny County Health Department continues to work closely with allied agencies, including the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services and UPMC-Western Maryland.

“Our top priority is to ensure the health and safety of Allegheny County communities,” stated James Pyles, Director of the Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services.

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