



ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND CORONAVIRUS JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

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ACHD ADDS NOVAVAX APPOINTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 18 AND OLDER

CUMBERLAND, MD – Following the CDC’s Emergency Use Authorization of the Novavax COVID-19 vaccine as a primary vaccination series for adults age 18 and older, the Allegany County Health Department has announced that Novavax appointments are now available through the ACHD website at health.maryland.gov/allegany for those 18 or older who have not had a COVID-19 vaccine. The Novavax COVID-19 vaccine is a two-dose series, with the second dose given three weeks after the first. Currently, Novavax is only authorized as a primary vaccination series and cannot be given as a booster vaccine in conjunction with any other COVID-19 vaccination series.

Unlike other COVID vaccines on the market currently, Novavax is a protein-based vaccine. Protein-based vaccines have been used for decades to combat diseases including hepatitis B and influenza. In a 30,000-participant clinical trial, the two-dose Novavax vaccine was 90% effective at preventing illness from COVID-19.

Allegany County continues to be classified by the CDC as having a high COVID-19 community level, along with Howard, Montgomery, Prince George, Charles, and Wicomico Counties. Garrett County is among 12 jurisdictions currently listed as having a medium COVID-19 community level, while only six Maryland counties remain at the low community level ranking.

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. 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.

Pre-registration is preferred for both testing and vaccinations. Information and registration links for health department COVID testing and vaccination clinics can be found at health.maryland.gov/allegany. Testing, vaccinations, and treatment for COVID-19 are also widely available through primary care providers, pharmacies, and other healthcare facilities. More information on additional COVID resources can be found at covidlink.maryland.gov.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF AUGUST 4:

- CDC COVID-19 Community Level: High
- Percent of Allegany County Population Fully Vaccinated (*based on CDC data*): 56.4%
- New COVID Cases This Week: 191 (cumulative total 18,777)
- Additional Deaths This Week: 0 (cumulative total 368)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 38.75 (Maryland: 26)
- Positivity Rate: 13.1% (Maryland: 12.97%)

NEXT UPDATE: *Friday, August 12, 2022*

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