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Allegany County Returns to High COVID-19 Community Level

CUMBERLAND, MD – Allegany County has returned to a high COVID-19 community level. The CDC uses data on COVID-19 hospitalizations and cases to determine if a county's COVID-19 community level is low, medium, or high. COVID-19 community levels are updated weekly.

When a community reaches a high COVID-19 community level, the CDC recommends that individuals wear a high-quality mask in public indoor areas. The CDC also states that if you are at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities where you could be exposed.

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. Pre-registration is preferred for vaccinations and registration links can be found at health.maryland.gov/allegany. 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.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF AUGUST 18:
- CDC COVID-19 Community Level: High
- Percent of Allegany County Population Fully Vaccinated *(based on CDC data)*: 56.4%
- New COVID Cases This Week: 239 (cumulative total 19,212)
- Additional Deaths This Week: 2 (cumulative total 372)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 53.76 (Maryland: 22.19)
- Positivity Rate: 18.32% (Maryland: 11.39%)

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