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#### ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 RATE NEARLY DOUBLE STATE AVERAGE

CUMBERLAND, MD — COVID-19 cases continue to grow in Allegany County while vaccination rates remain low. The case rate in the county is now nearly double the statewide average.

As of August 19, 41.7% of Allegany County residents were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 60.1% of all Marylanders. Health officials continue to urge unvaccinated members of the public to get their vaccine as soon as possible. These vaccines are safe and effective at preventing hospitalizations and death from COVID-19.

The Allegany County Health Department continues to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations every Wednesday on the ground floor of the Willowbrook Office Complex, 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland. From 9 a.m. to noon both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines are offered for those age 18 and older. Then, from 1 to 4 p.m. the Pfizer COVID vaccine is offered for those age 12 and older. No appointment needed. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

#### Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of August 19:

New COVID Cases: 96 (cumulative total 7,370)

Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 215)

• Cases Per 100,000 Population: 31.24 (Maryland: 16.02)

• Positivity Rate: 9.44% (Maryland: 5.05%)

### Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing:

Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD Mondays 2 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment or insurance card required.

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