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**ALLEGANY COVID CASE RATE REMAINS WELL ABOVE MARYLAND RATE**

CUMBERLAND, MD  –  The Allegany County Health Department reports that the COVID-19 case rate in the county is currently more than double the Maryland case rate.  The COVID case rate in Allegany County is 42.4 cases per 100,000 population compared to the state of Maryland as a whole with 18.98 cases per 100,000 population.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing is available this week at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club, 13100 Ali Ghan Road, Cumberland. Free testing is offered Monday August 30 from 2 to 7 p.m., Wednesday September 1 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Friday September 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  No appointment or insurance card is required. Next week, COVID-19 testing will be moved back to the Allegany County Fairgrounds.

Free COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue 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.

As of August 29, 42.3% of Allegany County residents were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 61.5% of all Marylanders.

**Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of August 29:**
- New COVID Cases:  102 (cumulative total 7,674)
- Additional Deaths:  0 (cumulative total 217)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population:  42.4 *(Maryland: 18.98)*
- Positivity Rate:  8.36% *(Maryland: 4.85%)*

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