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HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPANDS HOURS FOR PFIZER COVID VACCINE CLINICS IN SEPTEMBER

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department has announced that it is extending its Wednesday afternoon walk-in Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinics to 5:30 p.m. through the end of September. The schedule for the clinics slated for September 15th, 22nd, and 29th will be as follows:

- 9 a.m. to noon: Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines for those age 18 and older
- 1 to 5:30 p.m.: Pfizer COVID vaccine for anyone age 12 and older (Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.)

The next walk-in COVID vaccine clinic is slated for Wednesday, September 15 in the Community Room on the ground floor of the Willowbrook Office Complex at 12501 Willowbrook Road in Cumberland. The vaccines are free, and no appointment or insurance card is needed. Vaccines are also widely available through local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, pediatric offices, and some primary care providers.

Expanding the clinic hours for the Pfizer vaccine will allow more school-age youths to get their vaccine early in the school year. While the Pfizer clinics are open to everyone over age 12, health officials are hopeful that the adjusted schedule will make it easier for parents to get their 12-17 year-olds vaccinated as soon as possible.

As of September 9, 43.0% of Allegany County residents were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 62.7% of all Marylanders.

Drive-thru testing continues to be offered three days per week at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD. Testing clinics are held Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is needed, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged to minimize wait times at the clinic. Pre-registration can be done online any time prior to coming to the clinic by going to health.maryland.gov/allegany and clicking on the pre-registration link under "COVID-19 Information" on the right side of the page.

Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of September 9:

- New COVID Cases: 98 (cumulative total 8,062)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 219)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 56.6 (*Maryland: 16.5*)
- Positivity Rate: 11.25% (*Maryland: 4.68%*)

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