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ACHD ANNOUNCES PFIZER COVID VACCINE BOOSTER CLINICS 9/30 AND 10/1
Individuals must meet eligibility requirements to receive a booster shot

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department will offer booster shots of the *Pfizer* COVID vaccine at clinics on Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gymnasium of Allegany College of Maryland. In order to obtain a booster shot, individuals must have received their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine between January and March 2021 and fit one of the following classifications:

- Age 65 or older
- Age 50–64 with underlying medical conditions
- Age 18–49 with underlying medical conditions at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19
- Age 18-64 at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of their occupation or location in an institutional setting

Only those who were initially vaccinated with the Pfizer COVID vaccine can get the Pfizer booster. Those who were vaccinated with Moderna or Johnson & Johnson cannot get the Pfizer booster shot.

Qualifying individuals can pre-register for an appointment at one of the booster clinics by visiting health.maryland.gov/allegany and clicking on the "Pfizer COVID Booster Registration" link on the right-hand side of the page. Those over age 65 and those without internet access can attend the clinic on a walk-in basis, but pre-registration is preferred for anyone able to do so. Pfizer vaccine boosters may also be available from your local pharmacy, urgent care clinic, pediatric office or primary care provider if they carry the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

As of September 28, 44.6% of Allegany County residents were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 64.3% of all Marylanders.

Drive-thru testing is offered at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD on 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. You can pre-register for testing 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 26:
- New COVID Cases: 115 (cumulative total 8,926)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 232)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 59.24 *(Maryland: 20.1)*
- Positivity Rate: 10.39% *(Maryland: 4.05%)*

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