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28 NEW COVID CASES, 1 ADDITIONAL DEATH IN ALLEGANY COUNTY

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reported 28 new COVID cases in Allegany County and one additional death. This brings the county's cumulative case count to 5,799 with 164 deaths. The current case rate in Allegany County is 46.46 cases per 100,000 population, while Maryland's state average is currently 53.39 cases per 100,000 population. Allegany's positivity rate is now at 6.92%, while the statewide average is 8.53%.

On Monday, the health department announced availability of more than 1,000 initial appointments for those age 75 and older to receive COVID-19 vaccination. Those appointments filled up very quickly, and on Tuesday evening a notice was posted that no more appointments were currently available. The health department will add appointment dates as more vaccine is received, so the public is urged to pay attention to local media, social media, and the health department website for announcements regarding appointment availability.   Vaccination appointment dates will be posted at https://health.maryland.gov/allegany.

Fact sheets and safety information about the vaccines can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html.

Free drive-thru testing continues at the Allegany County Fairgrounds three days per week. However, the health department announced that there will be no testing on Monday, January 18 due to the MLK holiday.

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