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ALLEGANY COVID-19 CASE COUNTS SHOW SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reported improved COVID-19 statistics for the county today. After peaking on January 10 at 257.65 cases per 100,000 people, numbers have been gradually declining and are now at 136.12 cases per 100,000 people.

"COVID cases are still high in our area compared to the state as a whole, but the downward trend in cases is encouraging," stated Jenelle Mayer, Health Officer for Allegany County. "Please continue to take precautions to reduce the spread of illness. Get vaccinated and boosted, wear a mask in public places, and if you are experiencing symptoms, get tested and avoid close contact with others."

UPCOMING COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS:

Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD

- Moderna Booster Clinic (ages 18+):
 - January 26: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6012927169
- First and second doses of Moderna (ages 18+), first and second doses of Pfizer (ages 12+), and booster doses of Pfizer (ages 12+) are available on a walk-in basis from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Allegany County Health Department, Willowbrook Office Complex – Ground Floor, 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD

 Youth Pfizer Vaccine Clinic (ages 5 -11) by appointment only. Register online by clinic date at the following link:

 January 26: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/7251910065

For assistance registering for an appointment, county residents can call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are also widely available at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, and some primary care providers.

The health department continues to offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Allegany County Fairgrounds in Cumberland on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 CASE RATE AND POSITIVITY AS OF JANUARY 23:

- New COVID Cases: 293 (cumulative total 14,997)
- Additional Deaths: 2 (cumulative total 312)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 136.12 (Maryland: 75.75)
- Positivity Rate: 24.92% (Maryland: 14.81%)
- Percentage of Population Fully Vaccinated: 49.7% (Maryland: 72.2%)

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