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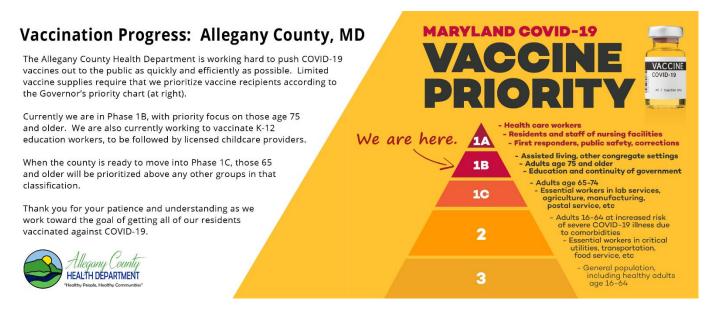
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24 NEW COVID CASES, 3 ADDITIONAL DEATHS IN ALLEGANY COUNTY

CUMBERLAND, MD — The Allegany County Health Department reported 24 new COVID cases in Allegany County and three additional deaths, bringing the county's cumulative case count to 6,143 with 180 fatalities. The current case rate in Allegany County is 25.97 cases per 100,000 population, while Maryland's state average is currently 32.41 cases per 100,000 population. Allegany's positivity rate is at 6.15%, while the statewide average is 5.94%.

The Allegany County Health Department continues with vaccinations for those individuals in the state's priority group 1B, with emphasis on individuals age 75 and older. K-12 educational staff are also receiving vaccinations as part of Phase 1B. At this time, the Allegany County Health Department has not started vaccinating individuals 65 and older (Phase 1C). Health officials stated that the timeframe for that transition is dependent upon how quickly more vaccine becomes available to complete 1B.

Vaccination Progress: Allegany County, MD

The Allegany County Health Department is working hard to push COVID-19 vaccines out to the public as quickly and efficiently as possible. Limited vaccine supplies require that we prioritize vaccine recipients according to the Governor's priority chart (at right).

Currently we are in Phase 1B, with priority focus on those age 75 and older. We are also currently working to vaccinate K-12 education workers, to be followed by licensed childcare providers.

When the county is ready to move into Phase 1C, those 65 and older will be prioritized above any other groups in that classification.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work toward the goal of getting all of our residents vaccinated against COVID-19.

MARYLAND COVID-19 VACCINE PRIORITY

We are here.

1A
- Health care workers
- Residents and staff of nursing facilities
- First responders, public safety, corrections

1B
- Assisted living, other congregate settings
- Adults age 75 and older
- Education and continuity of government

1C
- Adults age 65-74
- Essential workers in lab services, agriculture, manufacturing, postal service, etc

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- Adults 16-64 at increased risk of severe COVID-19 illness due to comorbidities
- Essential workers in critical utilities, transportation, food service, etc

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- General population, including healthy adults age 16-64

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