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ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID CASE RATE IMPROVING

CUMBERLAND, MD — The Allegany County Health Department reports that the COVID-19 case rate is now 53.36 cases per 100,000 population. The case rate has declined from a peak of 81.56 early last week, however the county rate remains well above the Maryland rate (20.67 per 100,000 population).

As of September 30, 44.7% of Allegany County residents were fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 64.4% of all Marylanders.

COVID-19 vaccinations are available at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, pediatric offices, and some primary care providers. The Allegany County Health Department offers COVID-19 vaccinations on Wednesdays at 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland. From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are provided for individuals 18 and older. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Pfizer vaccines are available for those 12 and older. All individuals under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to be vaccinated.

Drive-thru COVID testing is offered at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland on Mondays from 2 p.m. 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 30:

New COVID Cases: 71 (cumulative total 8,997)

• Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 233)

Cases Per 100,000 Population: 53.36 (Maryland: 20.67)

• Positivity Rate: 9.65% (Maryland: 4.09%)

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