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## **ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 CASES CLIMB TO 1,153**

CUMBERLAND, MD — The Allegany County Health Department reports 77 new cases of COVID-19 in Allegany County since Friday, bringing the county's total case count to 1,153. The latest cases include five children age 12 or under, six females and five males in their teens, six females and five males in their 20s, four females in their 30s, six females and two males in their 40s, six females and seven males in their 50s, six females and four males in their 60s, three females in their 70s, six females and three males in their 80s, and three females in their 90s.

Allegany County's case rate is 55.99 cases per 100,000 – the highest rate in the state. By comparison, Maryland's statewide average case rate is 18.55 per 100,000.

Health officials continue to urge the public to avoid gatherings big or small given the spike in COVID-19 cases in our area. Groups of people don't have to be large to pose a risk for exposure to COVID-19. It is also important to wear a mask when around other people and maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet at all times. Frequently wash and disinfect hands and frequently touched surfaces, and stay home if you are not feeling well.

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