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ALLEGANY COUNTY SEES 317 NEW COVID-19 CASES, THREE DEATHS SINCE MONDAY

CUMBERLAND, MD — The Allegany County Health Department reports 317 new cases of COVID-19 and three deaths in Allegany County since Monday, bringing the county's total cumulative case count to 1,470 and the death toll from the disease to 30. Due to the extremely high number of new cases, an age breakdown was not immediately available. However, the health department will continue to provide those details in the future whenever possible.

On Wednesday, the Allegany County Health Department and Maryland Department of Health partnered to offer ongoing COVID-19 testing at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. The hours for this free drive-thru testing are 2 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. A total of 417 tests were conducted at the fairgrounds on Wednesday and an additional 580 people were tested on Friday. It is important to note that the fairgrounds testing is not limited to Allegany County residents, so not everyone testing positive will be counted for Allegany County.

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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