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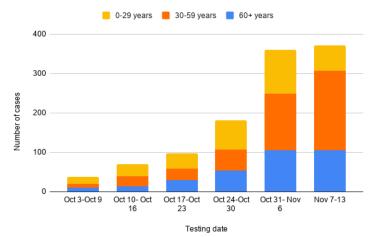
147 NEW ALLEGANY COVID-19 CASES SINCE FRIDAY

CUMBERLAND, MD — The Allegany County Health Department reports 147 new cases of COVID-19 in Allegany County since Friday, bringing the county's total cumulative case count to 1,617. The majority of new cases in recent weeks have been in individuals over age 30, with the highest concentration in those between the ages of 30 and 59.

As of November 15, Allegany County's seven-day average case rate was 112.6 per 100,000 population compared to the state average of 28.2 per 100,000. Allegany County's current percent positive rate is 12.57%, while the statewide average is about half that at 6.45%.

COVID-19 cases have been on the rise statewide and around the country, and many health officials attribute the increased case rate to what has been called "COVID fatigue." This is defined as communities becoming lax in practicing social distancing, mask-wearing, and recommended sanitization activities, leading to a surge in COVID-19 transmission throughout the population.

Allegany County, MD COVID-19 Weekly Cases by Age Group Test dates though November 16, 2020 (n=1617). Data are preliminary.



Health officials are urging the public to continue to avoid group gatherings of any size. Even smaller gatherings pose a risk for transmission of COVID-19.

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