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NINE MORE DEATHS, 149 NEW COVID CASES IN ALLEGANY COUNTY

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports 149 new cases of COVID-19 and 9 additional deaths since Friday. This brings Allegany County's cumulative total number of cases to 2,332, with a total of 56 deaths from COVID-19.

Currently, Allegany County's case rate is 165.34 per 100,000 population, more than four times the state average of 38 per 100,000. Allegany County's current positivity rate is 15.95%, while the statewide average is 6.88%.

"With widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in Allegany County, it is more important than ever for people to stay at home as much as possible, wear a mask at all times when in public, and maintain social distancing of at least six feet from others," said Jenelle Mayer, Health Officer for Allegany County. "I know people want to travel and visit with family for the holidays, but the best thing you can do for your loved ones this year is to stay at home."

Health officials recommend that families connect by phone or video chat this year instead of visiting in person. For more information on how to safely celebrate the holidays this year, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html.

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