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ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 CASES REACH 4,321, DEATH TOLL AT 105

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that Allegany County's cumulative COVID-19 case count is now at 4,321, with 105 deaths. The current case rate in Allegany County is 170.01 cases per 100,000 population, well above the state of Maryland case rate of 44.49 cases per 100,000 population. Allegany's positivity rate is now at 16.09%, while the statewide average is 7.74%.

Public health officials continue to stress that the power to lower the illness rate lies in the hands of every community member.

"We have the power to fight the spread of COVID-19 by doing just a few simple things to protect ourselves and those around us. Wear a mask, practice social distancing, avoid social gatherings, wash your hands often, and frequently clean and sanitize high-touch surfaces," said Brenda Caldwell, Public Information Officer for the Allegany County Health Department.

If you believe you might have been exposed to COVID-19, get tested and self-quarantine for 14 days to minimize your risk of spreading the virus to others in the community. If you receive a call from MD COVID or see the number 240-466-4488 on your caller ID, pick up! These calls are coming from contact tracers who are working to quickly notify close contacts of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19. Your cooperation in answering questions from the contact tracers will help reduce the spread of this illness. If you are advised to isolate or quarantine, please follow public health instructions.

"Be a public health hero. Your friends, family, and community are counting on you," Caldwell added. "It is a matter of social responsibility and concern for the health and wellbeing of others."

For more information on minimizing your risk and slowing the spread of COVID-19, visit coronavirus.gov.

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