

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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## ALLEGANY SEES 88 NEW COVID CASES, EIGHT ADDITIONAL DEATHS: New Patient Portal Allows Direct Access to Fairgrounds COVID Test Results Online

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that Allegany County's cumulative COVID-19 case count is now at 5,071, with 143 deaths. The current case rate in Allegany County is 88.86 cases per 100,000 population, while Maryland's state average is currently 38.19 cases per 100,000 population. Allegany's positivity rate is now at 14.28%, while the statewide average is 7.72%.

Beginning Monday, December 21, individuals tested at the Allegany County Fairgrounds drive-thru clinics will have their tests processed by MAKO Medical laboratory. Results will be available in two to four days through a web-based patient portal, providing faster results which patients can access directly through the Internet. The web-based results are not available for those who were tested prior to December 21.

Please note that there will be NO fairgrounds drive-thru testing and no ACHD media updates on Friday, December 25 or Friday, January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Testing is available this week and next week on Monday from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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