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COUNTY-LEVEL COVID CASE AND DEATH DATA RESTORED ON STATE DASHBOARD
Allegany case, positivity rates significantly elevated, but below state average

CUMBERLAND, MD – Following several weeks of unavailable local data, the Maryland Department of Health has been able to restore county-level case counts and deaths on its COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.maryland.gov, including daily counts for the period since December 3 when the last figures were reported. In that time, Allegany County has had 935 new COVID cases and 21 deaths. As the rest of the state and the nation sees the predicted surge in COVID-19 cases driven by the omicron variant, local data shows that in the past two weeks, Allegany County case rates have quadrupled. The county case rate spiked from 27.35 cases per 100,000 population on December 10 to a current rate of 105.13 per 100,000 people.

Allegany County COVID-19 case rate and positivity as of December 28:
- New COVID Cases (since last available report on December 3): 935 (cumulative total 11,661)
- Additional Deaths (since last available report on December 3): 21 (cumulative total 293)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 105.13 (Maryland: 129.12)
- Positivity Rate: 14.86% (Maryland: 19.31%)

Currently, 48.9% of Allegany County residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, compared to 70.4% of all Marylanders.

UPCOMING VACCINE CLINICS:

- **January 5: Youth Pfizer Vaccine Clinic** (ages 5 -11) by appointment only
  Allegany County Health Department, 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD
  Register online at https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1160824904.

For assistance registering for an appointment, county residents can call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are also widely available in the community at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, and some primary care providers.

Free drive-thru COVID testing is available at the Allegany County Fairgrounds on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The testing clinic will be open on New Year's Eve. *Please note that the health department does NOT offer walk-in COVID-19 testing or treatment at its Willowbrook Office Complex facilities.*

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