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HEALTH DEPARTMENT COVID-19 SERVICES CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED
Vax clinics, testing unaffected by state network issues

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that its COVID-19 services are largely unaffected by ongoing Maryland Department of Health network issues.

"Testing and vaccination services are not affected. Vaccination clinics will continue as scheduled," stated health department spokesperson Brenda Caldwell. "Our website, which is hosted through MDH, is down until further notice, but we will continue to release COVID-19 clinic information and other important public health information to the public via local media and our Facebook page at facebook.com/AlleganyHlthMD. COVID information is also available through our COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999."

The health department currently has appointments available for upcoming Moderna booster clinics at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. Links to register for those appointments are listed below and can also be found in a post pinned at the top of the health department Facebook page.

Until the network issues are resolved, statistics from the state's COVID site will likely not be updated, so those figures may not be available in the regular health department press releases temporarily.

MODERNA BOOSTER APPOINTMENTS:
- December 8: https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/1569380921
- December 15: https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0913462591
- December 22: https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/5161103992
- December 29: https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/0511621369

The Allegany County Health Department also offers the following COVID-19 vaccinations on a walk-in basis every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Allegany County Fairgrounds:
- First and second doses of Moderna vaccine (age 18 and older)
- First and second doses of Pfizer vaccine (age 12 and older)
- Booster doses of Pfizer vaccine (age 18 and older)

To be eligible for a booster vaccine you must be age 18 or older and meet one of the following criteria:
- Received your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at least six months ago
- Received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID vaccine at least two months ago

Free drive-thru COVID testing continues at the Allegany County Fairgrounds Ag Pavilion on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Allegany County COVID-19 case and vaccinations statistics as of December 3*:
- New COVID Cases: 56 (cumulative total 10,726)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 272)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 55.18 (Maryland: 22.16)
- Positivity Rate: 10.31% (Maryland: 5.43%)
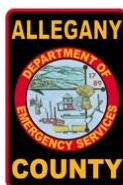- Percent of Population Fully-Vaccinated: 47.9% (Maryland: 68.1%)

*More recent data is not currently available due to the ongoing network issues at the Maryland Department of Health.

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