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MARYLAND UPDATES COUNTY COVID DATA TO INCLUDE REINFECTIONS

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has updated its COVID-19 case numbers to include reinfections data.

MDH counts a case as a reinfection, and includes it as a new case, if an individual tests positive for COVID-19 and has not had a positive COVID-19 test result within the past 90 days. Maryland is now counting 24,800 COVID-19 reinfections among its cumulative cases, dating back to late September. Updated COVID-19 surveillance data can be found on the Maryland COVID-19 surveillance dashboard at coronavirus.maryland.gov.

Due to the addition of reinfections, the Allegheny County COVID-19 case count has jumped to 16,712 total cases. More than 500 reinfections were added to the Allegheny County COVID-19 case count.

Allegheny County Health Department continues to offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing at the Allegheny County Fairgrounds (11400 Moss Ave., Cumberland) on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For individuals ages 12 and older, free COVID-19 vaccinations are available on Wednesdays at the Allegheny County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment is needed for first and second doses of Moderna vaccine (age 18+) and first, second, and booster doses of Pfizer vaccine (age 12+). Appointments are still required for the Moderna booster vaccine and individuals may schedule an appointment for Wednesday, February 23 here: <https://www.marylandvax.org/appointment/en/reg/6969150521>

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 at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, and some primary care providers.

ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF FEBRUARY 15:

- COVID Cases: 16,712 cumulative
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 340)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 37.13 (Maryland: 11.92)
- Positivity Rate: 15.37% (Maryland: 3.51%)
- Percentage of Population Fully Vaccinated: 50.3% (Maryland: 73.5%)

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