



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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### ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID CASE RATE CONTINUES TO DECLINE

CUMBERLAND, MD – Allegheny County's COVID-19 case rate continues to decline, dropping from an all-time high of 289.5 cases per 100,000 people in early January to the current rate of 24.75 cases per 100,000 people. While this downward trend is encouraging, health officials continue to urge the public to stay up-to-date on COVID vaccinations and boosters and exercise common-sense precautions to limit the spread of illness.

The Allegheny County Health Department offers free COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals ages 12 and older 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 by visiting [health.maryland.gov/allegany](https://health.maryland.gov/allegany) and clicking on the preferred clinic date.

The next youth Pfizer vaccine clinic (ages 5 to 11) is slated for Wednesday, March 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Willowbrook Office Complex at 12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD. Appointments are required for that clinic and can be scheduled at [health.maryland.gov/allegany](https://health.maryland.gov/allegany).

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.

Free drive-thru COVID-19 testing is still being offered 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.

#### ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 DATA AS OF FEBRUARY 27:

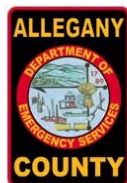
- New COVID Cases: 37 (cumulative total 16,952)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 347)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 24.75 (Maryland: 8.92)
- Positivity Rate: 6.46% (Maryland: 2.25%)
- Percentage of County Population Fully Vaccinated: 55.2%

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