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ALLEGANY COUNTY TRANSITIONING INTO VACCINATION PHASE 1C Older residents will receive priority in scheduling.

CUMBERLAND, MD – Now that the majority of residents 75 and older have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, the Allegheny County Health Department will begin transitioning to Phase 1C, scheduling appointments for individuals under age 75, with the oldest first. In addition to those age 65 and older, Phase 1C includes public health and safety workers not covered in Phase 1A; and essential workers in lab services, food/agriculture production, manufacturing, the U.S. Postal Service, public transit, and grocery stores.

“In partnership with UPMC Western Maryland, we are scheduling appointments for eligible individuals who have completed the online Vaccine Interest Form,” stated ACHD spokesperson Brenda Caldwell. “Those who were eligible in previous phases are still prioritized, followed by those age 65 and older. Those classifications will be followed by the remainder of those who qualify under Phase 1C.”

All Allegheny County Residents, regardless of priority group, are encouraged to complete the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany so that they can be contacted to schedule an appointment when they are eligible. Friends and family members can complete the form for those without access to the Internet. If you have completed the form and have not yet received a call, please be patient. There is no need to call or sign up again. You will be served as soon as possible.

“UPMC Western Maryland is pleased to continue to work alongside the Allegheny County Health Department within the state’s vaccination distribution plan and will continue to provide clinics to facilitate the community’s strong desire to receive the vaccine. As more vaccine becomes available, we will remain a key player in vaccinating our community amid the parameters set forth by the state,” said UPMC Western Maryland spokesperson Ed DeWitt.

Allegheny County Vaccination and Case Statistics as of February 28:

- Vaccine Dose 1: 10,107 (14.4% of the county population)
- Vaccine Dose 2: 7,141 (10.1%)
- New COVID Cases: 8 (cumulative total 6,408)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 199)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 3.04 (*Maryland: 13.55*)
- Positivity Rate: 1.08% (*Maryland: 3.52%*)

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