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ALLEGANY COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE: CASE RATE AND VACCINATION STATISTICS

CUMBERLAND, MD –   The Allegany County Health Department reports that 11,724 Allegany County residents have received at least their first dose of vaccine against COVID-19 (16.7% of the population), with 8,199 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (11.6% of the population). By comparison, the state reported that 17.7% of all Marylanders had received at least their first dose of vaccine, with 9.7% now fully vaccinated.

Yesterday, Governor Hogan announced the Western Maryland mass vaccination site in Hagerstown will open one week early on Thursday, March 25. This will give the state at least one mass vaccination site in each region. The state is in active discussions with jurisdictions that have expressed an interest in hosting a mass vaccination site.

The Governor also announced yesterday that, effective at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 12, capacity limits on indoor and outdoor dining, retail businesses, fitness centers and religious establishments will be lifted. Adult daycare centers can reopen, and large venues such as theaters and concert halls can return to 50% capacity. Masking and physical distancing will still be required, and restaurants and bars can only serve seated patrons.

Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of March 8:

- New COVID Cases: 4 (cumulative total 6,426)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 200)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 3.45 *(Maryland: 13.26)*
- Positivity Rate: 1.86%   *(Maryland: 3.61%)*

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