

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND CORONAVIRUS JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

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VACCINE ROLLOUT ENTERS PHASE 2B:

Includes those age 16 and older with medical conditions that predispose them to severe illness from COVID.

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that 16,780 Allegany County residents have received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine against COVID-19 (23.8% of the population), with 9,773 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (13.9% of the population). Additionally, 625 Allegany County residents have received the single dose Janssen vaccine (0.9%).

By comparison, the state reported that 28.5% of all Marylanders had received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine, with 14.8% having had both doses and an additional 1.2% vaccinated with the single dose vaccine.

Maryland is now in Phase 2B of the vaccine rollout, which includes all residents age 16 and older with underlying health conditions which make them more vulnerable to severe illness from COVID-19. Allegany County residents can get on the contact list for vaccine appointments by completing the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany.

Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of March 30:

- New COVID Cases: 22 (cumulative total 6,530)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 202)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 12.78 (Maryland: 20.66)
- Positivity Rate: 3.33% (Maryland: 5.3%)

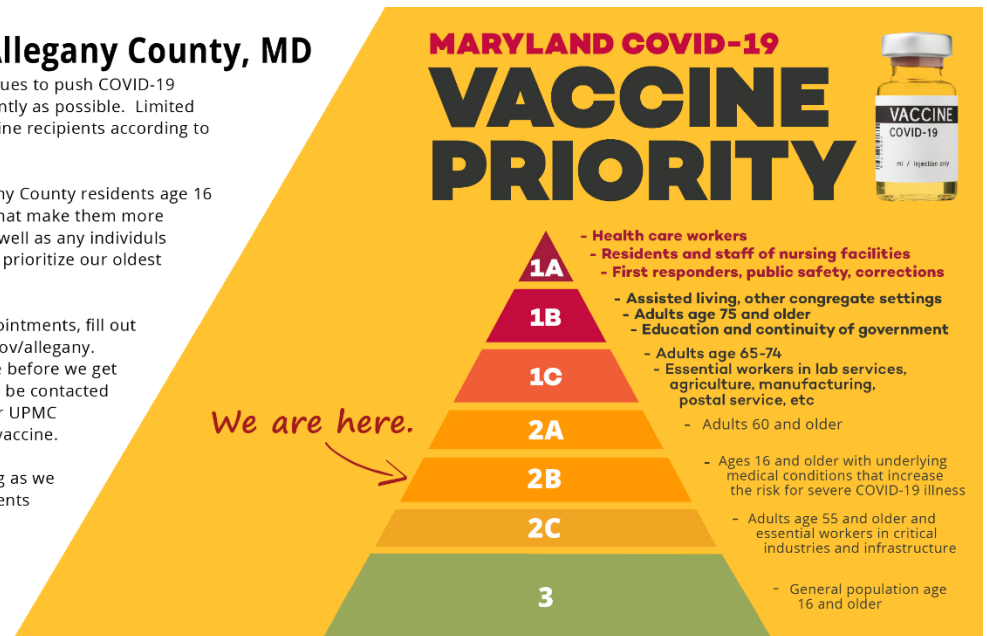
Vaccination Progress: Allegany County, MD

The Allegany County Health Department continues to push COVID-19 vaccines out to the public as quickly and efficiently as possible. Limited vaccine supplies require that we prioritize vaccine recipients according to the Governor's priority chart (at right).

We are now in Phase 2B, which includes Allegany County residents age 16 and older with underlying medical conditions that make them more vulnerable to severe illness from COVID-19, as well as any individuals already eligible previously. We will continue to prioritize our oldest residents first.

To be added to our contact list for vaccine appointments, fill out the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany. Please keep in mind that it may take some time before we get to you on the list, but rest assured that you will be contacted via phone or email by the health department or UPMC Western Maryland when it is your turn for the vaccine.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work toward the goal of getting all of our residents vaccinated against COVID-19.



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