

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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## ALLEGANY COVID-19 CASES CONTINUE DOWNWARD TREND

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that the county's COVID-19 case rate continues to decline. As of March 6 the case rate for Allegany County was 14.61 per 100,000 people, down from 19.07 on Friday. Only 15 new COVID cases were recorded in the county since Friday, and no additional deaths were reported. Last Thursday, the CDC downgraded Allegany County's COVID-19 community level from "high" to "medium." The CDC updates its county-level COVID-19 community levels weekly on Thursdays.

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.

The Allegany County Health Department offers free COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals ages 12 and older on Wednesdays at the Allegany 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 and clicking on the preferred clinic date.

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 Allegany 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 MARCH 6:

- CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Medium
- New COVID Cases: 15 (cumulative total 17,024)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 349)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 14.61 (Maryland: 5.87)
- Positivity Rate: 5.45% (Maryland: 1.61%)
- Percentage of County Population Fully Vaccinated: 55.3%

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