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ALLEGANY COVID-19 CASE RATE AT LOWEST POINT SINCE AUGUST 2021

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegheny County Health Department reports that the county's COVID-19 case rate is now the lowest it has been since August 2021. Data show that on August 7, the county case rate was 12.58 per 100,000 people, and it peaked on January 8 at 289.5 per 100,000. Over the past two months numbers have sharply declined, with the current Allegheny County COVID-19 case rate at 13.39 per 100,000 people – the lowest it has been since early August.

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 recommended 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 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 MARCH 8:

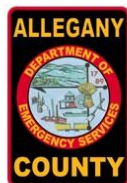
- CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Medium
- New COVID Cases: 17 (cumulative total 17,041)
- Additional Deaths: 1 (cumulative total 350)
- Cases Per 100,000 People: 13.39 (Maryland: 5.42)
- Positivity Rate: 3.72% (Maryland: 1.6%)
- Percentage of County Population Fully Vaccinated: 55.3%

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