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

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that 19,893 Allegany County residents have received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine against COVID-19 (28.3% of the population), with 12,232 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (17.4% of the population). Additionally, 1,057 Allegany County residents have received the single dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine (1.5%).

By comparison, the state reported that 33.2% of all Marylanders had received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine, with 18.9% having had both doses and an additional 2.1% vaccinated with the single dose vaccine.

Beginning April 12 all vaccine providers statewide will open eligibility for Marylanders age 16 and older. However, individuals ages 16 and 17 will only be able to utilize providers who offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine because it is the only one currently approved by the FDA for that age group.

## Allegany County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of April 8:

- New COVID Cases: 43 (cumulative total 6,602)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 204)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 11.36 (Maryland: 21.92)
- Positivity Rate: 2.26% (Maryland: 5.59%)

COVID case rates in Allegany County are on the rise again as they are around the country. The current seven-day rolling average number of cases for the county – 11.36 per 100,000 population – is more than three times what it was just one month ago when the average was 3.45 per 100,000. Health officials are urging the public not to be lax in maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask, frequently washing/disinfecting hands and high-touch surfaces, and avoiding social gatherings. All Allegany residents are urged to get a COVID vaccination.

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