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FIRST ALLEGANY COUNTY RESIDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegany County Health Department reports that an Allegany County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual is a male in his 60s with underlying medical conditions who is currently hospitalized. The patient recently traveled to a neighboring state.

Upon notification of a positive case, the Allegany County Health Department begins a contact investigation. During the contact investigation, the Health Department conducts interviews to determine where the patient has been and who he has been in contact with. The Health Department then notifies all individuals who came in contact with the patient while he was infectious. Individuals who came in contact with the patient must self-isolate or quarantine for 14 days.

Health officials stress that community members should stay home and only go out for essentials. Continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands often, avoid touching your face, disinfect high-touch surfaces, and stay away from others if you are not feeling well. If you are seeking medical care, call ahead so your healthcare provider can offer guidance over the phone and take the necessary precautions if you must come into the office.

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