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MDH RANKS ALLEGANY COUNTY IN BOTTOM FIVE FOR COVID VACCINATION RATES AMONG NURSING FACILITY STAFF County ranks 15 out of 24 jurisdictions for vaccination rates among nursing home residents

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) has ranked Allegheny County in the bottom five jurisdictions for COVID vaccination rates among nursing facility staff. According to the Skilled Nursing Facilities Vaccination Dashboard, only 59.4% of staff at Allegheny County skilled nursing facilities are fully vaccinated against COVID.

The county ranked a bit better in vaccination rates for residents of those nursing facilities, with 85.7% fully vaccinated against COVID. That puts the county at 15th out of 24 jurisdictions for nursing home resident vaccinations. The vaccination rates for staff and patients reflect an average of rates at all skilled nursing facilities in the county. More information on individual facility vaccination rates can be found at <https://aging.maryland.gov/Pages/SNFVD.aspx>.

The Allegheny County Health Department reports that 40.6% of all Allegheny County residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 compared to 58.5% of all Marylanders.

ACHD noted that there was a marked increase in the number of 12 to 17 year olds who attended last Wednesday's Pfizer vaccination clinic at the Willowbrook Office Complex.

"That was great to see, since that age group is among the lowest for COVID vaccination rates in Allegheny County," stated Dr. Jennifer Corder, Medical Deputy Health Officer for Allegheny and Garrett Counties. "We hope that trend continues, especially with students heading back to the classroom soon."

The health department will offer another walk-in COVID vaccination clinic this Wednesday, July 28 on the ground floor of the Willowbrook Office Complex (12501 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland, MD) From 9 a.m. to noon both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccines will be offered for those age 18 and older. Then, from 1 to 4 p.m. the Pfizer COVID vaccine will be available for those age 12 and older. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian in order to be vaccinated.

Allegheny County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of July 25:

- New COVID Cases: 6 (cumulative total 7,088)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 212)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 2.03 (Maryland: 4.14)
- Positivity Rate: 1.02 % (Maryland: 2.15%)

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