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## FREE COVID-19 TESTING, VACCINATION CLINICS ONGOING AT ALLEGANY FAIRGROUNDS First-dose school-based pediatric COVID vaccinations continue this week

CUMBERLAND, MD – The effort to fully vaccinate all eligible Allegany County residents against COVID-19 continues as local health care providers and health officials work to bring up the county's low vaccination rate. Only 47.0% of Allegany County residents are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 even though vaccines are safe, effective and widely available locally.

The health department continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines on a walk-in basis each Wednesday at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, MD. No appointment is needed to receive a first, second, or booster dose of Pfizer vaccine (ages 12 or older) or a first or second dose of Moderna (18 and older). However, appointments are required for booster doses of Moderna. Registration links for Moderna booster appointments are posted on the health department website at health.maryland.gov/allegany as they become available. Individuals must meet eligibility requirements to obtain a booster COVID vaccine.

School-based pediatric COVID vaccine clinics began in area schools last week and continue this week, bringing the vaccines to locations around the county to make it easier for parents to get kids age five to eleven vaccinated against COVID. Parents were sent registration links through public and private schools to schedule appointments for their children. Pediatric doses of Pfizer COVID vaccine are also available through local pediatricians and some pharmacies.

Drive-thru COVID testing continues to be offered at the fairgrounds 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 Case and Vaccination Statistics as of November 14:

- New COVID Cases: 59 (cumulative total 10,092)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 259)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 31.04 (Maryland: 13.48)
- Positivity Rate: 6.06 % (Maryland: 3.3%)

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