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

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Allegheny County Health Department reports that 11,560 Allegheny County residents have received at least their first dose of vaccine against COVID-19 (16.4% of the population), with 8,124 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (11.5% of the population). By comparison, the state reported that 16.9% of all Marylanders had received at least their first dose of vaccine, with 9.3% now fully vaccinated.

Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released interim guidance for individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The CDC considers individuals to be fully vaccinated if it has been at least two weeks since they received their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or their single dose of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine. The guidance recommends that vaccinated individuals continue to practice mask-wearing and social distancing when in public or around others who are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID, and that they still try to avoid medium to large social gatherings. Additionally, anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status should be tested. The full interim guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

The health department and UPMC Western Maryland are currently vaccinating those age 65 and older, starting with the oldest first. Once you have registered using the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany, you do not need to do anything further to get on the vaccination list. Once it is your turn for the vaccine, you will be contacted by either the health department or the hospital using the contact information you provided on the form. If you receive a phone call, please pick up the phone in case it is someone calling to schedule your vaccine appointment.

Allegheny County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of March 8:

- New COVID Cases: 6 (cumulative total 6,422)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 200)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 2.84 (*Maryland: 12.6*)
- Positivity Rate: 1.78% (*Maryland: 3.36%*)

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