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ALLEGANY COUNTY MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST CONFIRMED COVID CASE Governor Hogan announces transition to final phase of vaccine rollout.

CUMBERLAND, MD – April 1 holds the distinction of being the one-year anniversary of the first case of COVID-19 confirmed in Allegheny County. Now, more than a year into the pandemic, vaccination efforts are well underway nationwide. On Thursday, Governor Larry Hogan announced that the state's vaccine rollout is now open to all Marylanders. Priority for vaccine appointments will still be given to those at highest risk of serious illness from COVID, including older residents, individuals in certain higher-risk job classifications, and those with underlying medical issues that make them more vulnerable to severe complications from COVID-19. Allegheny County residents can get on the contact list for vaccine appointments by completing the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany.

The Allegheny County Health Department reports that 17,829 Allegheny County residents have received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine against COVID-19 (25.3% of the population), with 9,882 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (14.0% of the population). Additionally, 711 Allegheny County residents have received the single dose Janssen vaccine (1.0%).

By comparison, the state reported that 29.7% of all Marylanders had received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine, with 15.9% having had both doses and an additional 1.4% vaccinated with the single dose vaccine.

Allegheny County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of April 1:

- New COVID Cases: 16 (cumulative total 6,546)
- Additional Deaths: 2 (cumulative total 204)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 13.8 (*Maryland: 21.37*)
- Positivity Rate: 3.73% (*Maryland: 5.6%*)

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