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GOVERNOR HOGAN ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES FOR VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

CUMBERLAND, MD – On Monday, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan announced that, effective April 6, all Marylanders age 16 and older will be eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine at any mass vaccination site in the state. Additionally, the Governor stated that by April 12 all vaccine providers statewide will open eligibility for Marylanders age 16 and older. However, individuals ages 16 and 17 will only be able to utilize providers who offer the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine because it is the only one currently approved by the FDA for ages 16 and over.

Mass vaccination sites in Maryland are also implementing “no appointment necessary” lanes for vaccination, including the Hagerstown Premium Outlets location. Health officials stress, however, that the best way to be sure you can get a vaccination is to preregister at covidvax.maryland.gov or by calling 1-855-MD-GOVAX. Allegheny County residents wanting to get a vaccination can also pre-register with the health department and UPMC Western Maryland by completing the Vaccine Interest Form at health.maryland.gov/allegany.

The Allegheny County Health Department reports that 18,922 Allegheny County residents have received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine against COVID-19 (26.9% of the population), with 11,012 of those individuals now fully vaccinated with their second dose (15.7 % of the population). Additionally, 779 Allegheny County residents have received the single dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine (1.1%).

By comparison, the state reported that 30.9% of all Marylanders had received their first dose of a two-dose vaccine, with 17.0% having had both doses and an additional 1.5% vaccinated with the single dose vaccine.

Allegheny County COVID-19 Case Statistics as of April 4:

- New COVID Cases: 13 (cumulative total 6,559)
- Additional Deaths: 0 (cumulative total 204)
- Cases Per 100,000 Population: 10.35 (*Maryland: 21.53*)
- Positivity Rate: 2.95% (*Maryland: 5.79%*)

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