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MDH, ACHD PARTNER TO OFFER ONGOING FREE COVID-19 TESTING AT ALLEGANY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

CUMBERLAND, MD – The Maryland Department of Health and the Allegany County Health Department have partnered to establish an ongoing COVID-19 drive-thru testing clinic at the Allegany County Fairgrounds. The new site will begin providing tests tomorrow, Wednesday, November 11, at 8 a.m. and will offer free COVID-19 testing three days per week. Hours for the testing site are Mondays from 2 – 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. No appointment, insurance card, or doctor's order is needed.

This new testing schedule at the fairgrounds replaces the kids-only drive-up clinic which has been operating for the past few weeks in the fairgrounds multipurpose building. The new drive-thru clinic is open to children and adults.

"By partnering with the Allegany County Health Department to establish a new testing site, we are able to increase local testing capacity at a time when the need is high," said MDH Secretary Robert R. Neall. "With COVID-19 case and positivity rates ticking up in the region and across the state, it is critical for all Marylanders who need a test to be diligent about getting a test. Knowledge is a powerful tool, and testing provides the knowledge that we need to help contain the spread of the virus."

"The Allegany County Fairgrounds COVID-19 testing site will provide residents of Allegany County and our neighboring counties with a safe, comfortable place to get free tests," said Jenelle Mayer, Allegany County's health officer. "As testing has become more important than ever, so too has the importance of accessible options for those needing tests. We are thankful to have this convenient new site to serve our area."

As of Tuesday, Allegany County's case rate had climbed to 66.54 cases per 100,000 – the highest rate in the state. By comparison, Maryland's statewide average case rate is 19.79 per 100,000.

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The Maryland Department of Health continues to urge all Marylanders who need a test to get a test, including:

- [symptomatic](#) individuals;
- all who suspect exposure, including those who are asymptomatic;
- individuals who are at risk of exposure, including workers in frequent contact with the public in health care, emergency services, food and grocery, retail or manufacturing, public transportation, educational, and other congregate settings;
- individuals who have been in large gatherings; and
- individuals who have traveled recently.

COVID-19 information and resources are available at https://coronavirus.maryland.gov. If you have questions about the testing clinic in Allegany County, please call the Allegany County Health Department at 301-759-5000.

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