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RE: **COVID-19 Positivity Rate Increasing In Allegany County**
DATE: **April 22, 2022**
News Release: **COVID-19 Positivity Rate Increasing In Allegany County**

According to the New York State Department of Health, the COVID-19 positivity rate in Allegany County is increasing slightly week over week. The 7-day average for individuals testing positive is 7.7 percent as of April 21, up from 3.9 percent on April 14. After seeing the case total decrease for 10 straight weeks from January through March, we are now seeing the total case number increase for the last four weeks.

With this in mind, we recommend some actions that residents can take to protect themselves and their loved ones:

1. **Get tested if you have symptoms**
    - The Allegany County Department of Health offers free rapid testing clinics for COVID-19 every week in Belmont. If you have access to at-home test kits, test early and test often. If you need at-home test kits, please contact our office at 585-268-9250.

2. **Wear a mask**
    - Wear a mask (surgical, KN95, or N95 preferred) when feeling ill or when you may have come into contact with a positive COVID-19 case. We recommend that if you plan to attend large gatherings that you consider wearing a mask or at least testing before and after the event.

3. **STAY HOME WHEN FEELING ILL**
4. **Get boosted when eligible**
5. **Contact your healthcare provider to discuss eligibility for treatment options if you have tested positive for COVID-19**
6. **Get your COVID-19 booster dose (1st or 2nd) when eligible**
    - The Allegany County Department of Health is now providing the 2nd booster dose at upcoming clinics in May**.** The COVID-19 vaccine clinics will be held every Tuesday in May, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., at the County Office Building in Belmont.

7. **Check the Community Transmission Rate where you will be traveling:**
    - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

To view all upcoming clinics and to register for you appointment, please visit: https://www.alleganyco.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccine-information/.

You can also call the Allegany County Department of Health at (585) 268-9250 for more information or for assistance in registering.

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