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TO: **All Media Sources**
FROM: **Allegany County Department of Health**
RE: **Increase in Allegany County Positive COVID-19 cases**
DATE: **May 4, 2021**
News Release:

The Allegany County Department of Health (ACDOH) is seeing a small increase of COVID-19 positive cases. April 30 saw 18 new positive cases, May 1 had 15 new positive cases, and May 2 had 17 new positive cases for a total of 50 new positive COVID-19 cases in a 3-day period. We are also seeing an increase in positive cases in a younger population including cases severe enough to be hospitalized.

As COVID-19 moves into the second year we must remain diligent and **continue to wear a mask, social distance, wash hands often, and get a COVID-19 vaccine.** This increase of positive COVID-19 cases has been attributed to spread through family members and family gatherings. As the weather is getting warmer, summer events are being scheduled, people are traveling again, and businesses are opening up. We are asking County residents to help us stop the spread of COVID-19. ACDOH is asking County residents to continue having small events with those in your household. Here are some activities you might want to consider to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in Allegany County:

- Get everyone, who is age 16 and over, in your household vaccinated.
- Encourage your extended family, co-workers, friends, neighbors, and those in your community to get a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you have Moderna or Pfizer.
- Remember you need 14 days after your last COVID-19 vaccination to have full vaccine coverage.
- Attend outdoor events remembering to wear your mask and keep a social distance, especially if unvaccinated.
- Continue to use social media to contact family and friends that do not live in your household.
- Have a virtual dinner and share recipes with friends and family so everyone can enjoy their favorites.
- Shopping online rather than in-person or using a curbside pick-up.
- Watching sports events, parades and movies from home.
- Remember if anyone has symptoms of COVID-19 or comes in contact with a positive case, they should isolate and get tested for COVID.
- Always remember, when shopping in a store, to wear a mask covering your nose and mouth, keep a social distance of six feet, use hand sanitizer, and try to shop when the stores are not as busy.

All of these suggestions will help protect your family, relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers, the elderly, and staff and students in your local school. If you have general COVID-19 questions, you may also call the Allegany County Department of Health at (585)268-9250 for more information.

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