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Re: **Get Vaccinated To Protect Yourself from COVID-19**
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News Release: Get Vaccinated To Protect Yourself from COVID-19

The Allegany County Department of Health has recently seen an increase of three COVID-19 cases this week. This is an expected uptick following the July 4 gatherings after having only two cases in the previous two weeks. Further information will be released next week on Monday.

With the new cases, it is a good time to remind everyone that COVID-19 is still a risk. Remember, COVID-19 spreads person to person with close contact primarily through respiratory droplets. Getting yourself and encouraging your family members to get vaccinated will help prevent catching and possibly spreading the virus. No vaccine is 100 percent effective, but the COVID-19 vaccine has been shown to decrease the rate of hospitalizations and severe symptoms if you are vaccinated compared to those who are unvaccinated.

Another concern are variants of COVID-19. The most contagious right now is the Delta variant. The WHO estimates the Delta variant is 55 percent more transmissible than the Alpha variant, which was itself around 50 percent more transmissible than the original virus that causes COVID-19. The Allegany County Department of Health has not identified any cases of the Delta variant to date. However, the Delta variant is likely circulating within our community, and all of the vaccine research so far has shown some promise for protection against the variants.

Please continue to wash your hands and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated to keep you and your family healthy.

The best way to prevent COVID-19 is by getting vaccinated. Please call 585-268-9250, option 4, to register. You can also find the link on the Allegany County Department of Health Facebook Page or alleganyco.com website under County Government Notices / Press Releases to register for a time that works for you.

Get Vaccinated!
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