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Re: **Vaccination Rates in Allegany County**
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News Release: Vaccination Rates in Allegany County

As of July 27, 2021 Allegany County has a vaccination rate of 38.3%. The overall vaccination rate in the United States is 56.9%, and for New York State, it is 62.4%. Lower vaccination rates in a community mean that Covid-19 can spread more easily, and those communities are more vulnerable to variants and surges in COVID-19 cases, especially with the more contagious Delta Variant.

Becoming fully vaccinated has been shown to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death; it also helps reduce the spread of the virus in communities. Unvaccinated individuals should consider getting vaccinated and continue masking until they are fully vaccinated. This is urgent because the highest spread of cases and severe symptoms is happening in places with low vaccination rates.

According to the CDC, if you are vaccinated, your risk of infection is about 3.5 times lower, your risk of getting ill from COVID-19 is over 8 times lower, and your risk of hospitalization or death is 25 times lower.

It's important to remember that even though there have been recent increases in cases, those cases are experiencing less severe symptoms and across the country deaths are down 70% from last summer. This is further proof that becoming fully vaccinated is the best thing you can do to protect yourself, your community, and those around you.

The vaccination rates throughout Allegany County range from 15.7% to 99% based on Zip Codes. More information can be found online at https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/vaccination-rates-zip-code.

Please continue to wash your hands and wear a mask if you are unvaccinated to keep you and your family healthy. Please call me at 585-268-9437 to register for a vaccine, check our website for upcoming clinics, or call your local pharmacy or Primary Physician for information on getting the vaccine.

Get Vaccinated!
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