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Re: **Allegany County Substantial Transmission Rate**
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News Release: Allegany County Goes From Moderate to Substantial Transmission Rate

Allegany County has gone from a moderate rate of COVID transmission to a substantial rate. Substantial rate of COVID transmission means there is 50 to 100 cases per 100,000, or a positivity rate between 8 percent and 10 percent. Substantial Transmission of COVID rates in Allegany County for Thursday, August 5, 2021, to Wednesday, August 11, 2021, were 26 positive cases of COVID or a rate of 56.41 positive cases per 100,000 population.

The majority of positive cases in Allegany County have been household transmissions. This means one or more people in the household are positive and pass COVID on to others in the household. Allegany County residents living in a household with a positive case should, if possible, practice social distancing, wear a mask, use a different bathroom, and clean and sanitize after the person in isolation.

The CDC recommendations for individuals in communities with substantial transmission rates are to follow healthy hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, and wear a mask (especially when physical distancing cannot be maintained).

Allegany County School Districts will be recommended to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and New York State Education Department (NYSED) guidelines this fall.

Please share the information with family and friends. For COVID-19 questions, please call the Allegany County Department of Health at 585-268-9250.

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