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Re: Finding a COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 test
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News Release: Finding a COVID-19 Vaccine and COVID-19 Test
Belmont, NY – Are you looking for a COVID-19 vaccine or a COVID-19 test? The Allegany County Department of Health would like to help.

1. **Check the Allegany County website** at www.alleganyco.com if you have access to the internet. On the main page, you will find a blue box titled Quick Links and COVID-19 Information including COVID-19 vaccination clinic dates and links to register for an appointment.
2. **If you are looking for a COVID-19 vaccine,** go to the county website using the information above, www.vaccinefinder.org, or www.vaccinehound.org. These websites will help you find a vaccination by location, type of vaccine, or within the time frame you need.
    - No access to the internet - call one of our local pharmacies to see if they have vaccine (Walgreens, Fishers Pharmacy in Wellsville, Alfred Pharmacy in Alfred, Walmart, CVS, Rite Aid, Wegmans, etc.)
3. **If you are looking for a COVID-19 test,** go to https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you and search by your zip code to find a testing site near you. You should wait 3-5 days before being tested for COVID-19 after you are in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive and do not have any symptoms. There may be an out of pocket cost; please be sure to ask these questions. Always call first, **DO NOT** just show up.
    - If you do not have access to the internet, call New York State Department of Health at -1-888-364-3065 to find a COVID-19 testing site near you.
    - Call your health care provider, local pharmacy, or visit the site above to find a COVID-19 test site near you. Remember to discuss insurance coverage or out of pocket cost for the test, especially if you do not have symptoms. Ask about the type of COVID-19 test you need for travel, school, worksite, etc. to make sure you get the test you need (Antigen, Molecular, PCR)
    - Purchase an over-the-counter COVID-19 test kit at a local pharmacy or retail store. Make sure it has FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) printed on the packaging. Prices range from $24 for 2 kits to $125 or more depending on the type of kit.
        - If you test positive on a home test kit, make sure to notify the Allegany County Department of Health and your health care provider.

If you need additional assistance, please contact the Allegany County Department of Health by email at healthinfo@alleganyco.com or by calling 585-268-9250. We are experiencing a large number of COVID-19 calls each day. Please be patient and leave us a message; your call is important to us.

Get Vaccinated!!!
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