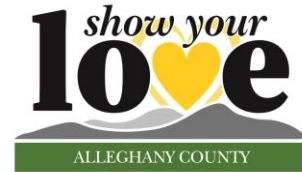# COVID-19 Situation Update for Alleghany County
February 12, 2021

This document is intended to provide a regular update on the local response to COVID-19 in our communities and timely, trended data related to COVID-19. This report will be published on Fridays.

"We are encouraged by the many partners and volunteers who have been critical in coming together to help administer COVID-19 vaccine to our community. We could not do it without the local support and willingness to get shots in arms. We are still receiving limited supplies of vaccine but are hopeful this will increase so more people can be vaccinated. Due to the limited supplies, you may have to wait to get the vaccine but everyone will have a spot to get their shot," stated Jennifer Greene, Health Director, AppHealthCare.

Vaccinating Makes Everyone Safer - COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Our next allocation of vaccine will include 100 first doses and 500 second doses for Alleghany.

What phase are we in for Alleghany County?
Group 1 and Group 2 are eligible for vaccine now. This includes health care workers with in-person patient contact, long-term care staff and residents—people in skilled nursing facilities, adult care homes, continuing care retirement communities and anyone 65 years or older, regardless of health status or living situation.

Governor Announces Education and Childcare Eligible for Vaccine Beginning February 24th
On February 10th, Governor Cooper announced individuals who work in education (Pre-K through grade 12) and childcare settings will be eligible for vaccine on February 24th. We are committed to offering vaccine to our community and recognize the important role school staff, teachers and childcare staff play in our community. We are working on a plan to vaccinate these individuals who will be eligible for vaccine while also focusing on our older adult population because there are still many on the waitlist to

receive vaccine within this group. We plan to release more information next week as we coordinate with local school and childcare partners to formulate a plan for vaccination of these individuals.

How many doses of vaccine do we have?

First Doses (Data as of February 12, 2021)		
First Doses Received This Week	**Total First Doses Received**	**Total First Doses Administered**
100	1,920	1,920

Second Doses (Data as of February 12, 2021)		
Second Doses Received This Week	**Total Second Doses Received**	**Total Second Doses Administered**
200	1,000	511

The total doses of vaccine received includes vaccine that was transferred to us from the hospital.

People Eligible for Vaccine
This is an approximate number of those who are eligible to receive vaccine in Group 1 and Group 2 and have not been scheduled for an appointment. This number comes from the COVID-19 Interest Form list and is updated on our website weekly on Fridays.

People Eligible for Vaccine (Data as of February 12, 2021)	
Alleghany	959

Interested in Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine?
We have launched a COVID-19 vaccine interest form for anyone interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone can fill out the form regardless of which phase they will fit into. You can find the form on our website here.

Want to Volunteer for a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic?
If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Alleghany, Ashe or Watauga County, please complete this form.

The vaccine will be offered **free of charge to everyone** whether or not you have health insurance. To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit our website here or NC DHHS's website here.

Key Points

Case Updates
For the week of January 31-February 6 (graphs below), the number of new cases increased and those are in quarantine decreased.
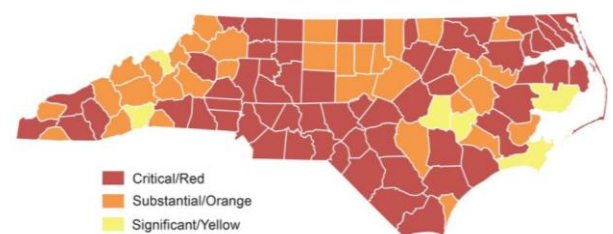
Hospitalizations
"We are continuing to provide a safe environment for our community members, to receive emergency care services where they live. We received our first doses of the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine, to begin vaccinating our front line workers the week of December 21st, and we are continuing to vaccinate all eligible staff per the state guidelines that have been established. This is just another way we can provide safe care to our community members! Rest assured we are prepared should you need to seek emergency care services here at Alleghany Health. We have top notch providers and staff who are ready to care for you, during a medical emergency." -statement from Alleghany Health

NC DHHS County Alert System Notes Critical Community Spread for Alleghany County
In the latest update, Alleghany County is **RED** which notes critical community spread. This system outlines actions we can take to lessen the impact and spread in our community. You can read more about the County Alert System on NC DHHS's website.

We continue case investigation and contact tracing efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you receive a call from a member of our case investigation or contact tracing team, we urge you to

cooperate and provide information that will help us conduct response efforts. You may receive a call from (844) 628-7223 or (828) 264-4995. It may also show up as "NC Outreach" or "Contact Tracing." Your cell phone carrier may flag the call as spam. It is so important to answer the call of a contact tracer. It is a key tool in slowing the spread of this virus.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) levels remain stable in most areas.

Testing

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we recommend you be tested. You can check your symptoms and determine if testing is needed. To find a testing site near you, visit NC DHHS's Find My Testing Place.

Turnaround Times for Testing remains between 2 and 4 days. NC DHHS provides data on testing turnaround times. This data is updated daily and can be found here.

Free COVID-19 Testing at AppHealthCare by Appointment. We are offering testing on Mondays and Thursdays of each week. Please do not just show up for testing. We request that you schedule an appointment through our website or by calling our COVID-19 Call Center at (828) 795-1970.

Testing is also offered by appointment at Alleghany Family Practice at (336) 372-5606 and other local healthcare providers may offer testing as well.

Active Outbreaks and Clusters

Data is provided for outbreaks and clusters that are active and ongoing. The number of cases for outbreaks and clusters are current as of each Thursday at 9:00am. The case counts vary day by day as new cases are identified and as cases are moved in and out of isolation. This data may not match other reported data since this is a point in time. As we conduct outbreak and case investigations, the data included in this report are subject to change. For a current case count, visit the AppHealthCare data dashboard, which is updated daily by noon.

An outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory confirmed cases. A cluster is defined as a minimum of five cases with illness onsets or initial positive results within a 14-day period and plausible epidemiologic linkage between cases. An outbreak or cluster is considered over if 28 days have passed after the latest date of symptom onset in a symptomatic person or first date of specimen collection from the most recent asymptomatic person, whichever is later. Additional information on the definitions of outbreaks

and clusters is provided by the North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services. NC DHHS also provides regularly updated information on outreaks and clusters.

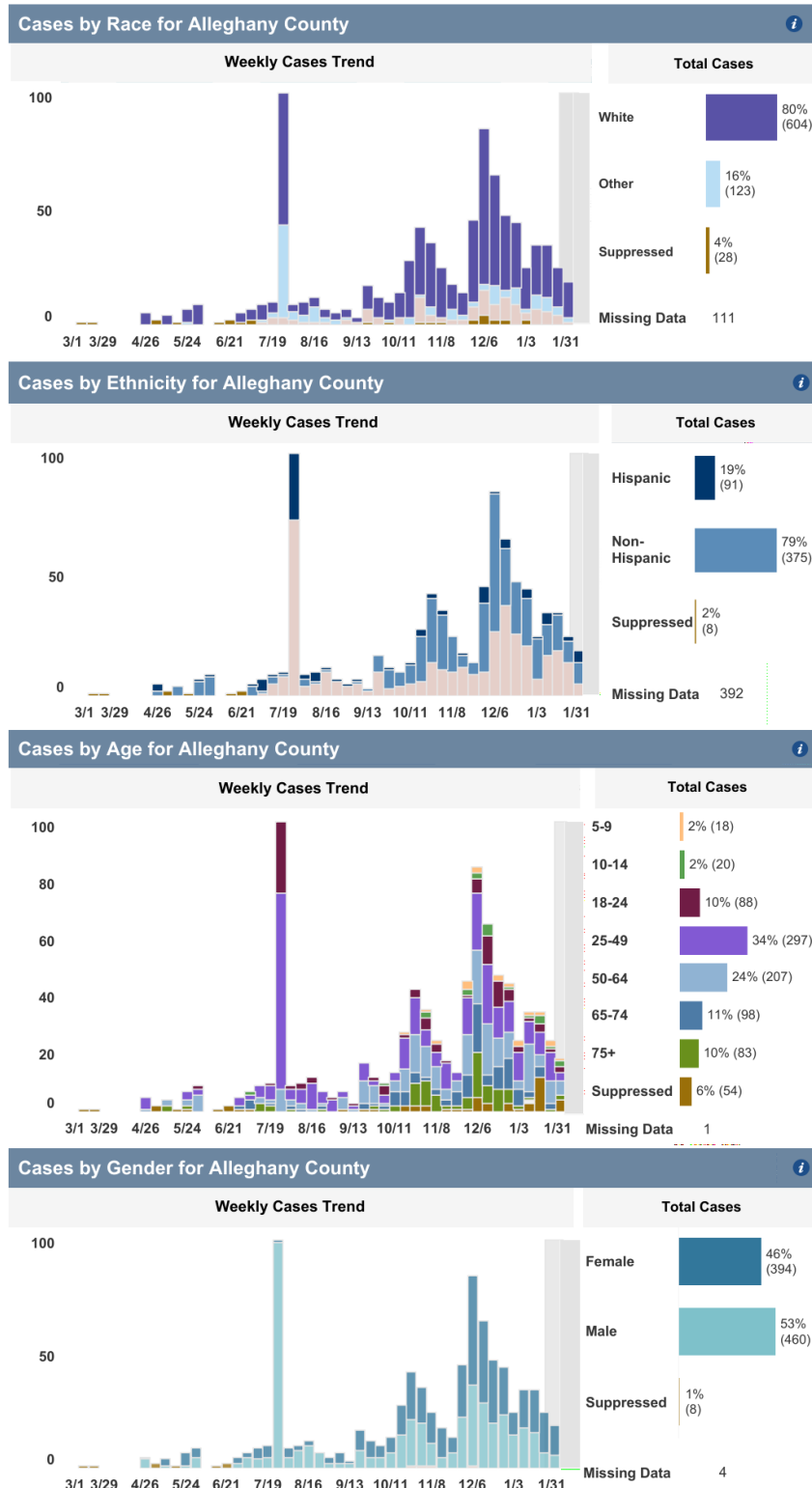| Active Outbreaks & Clusters Data is current as of Thursday, February 11, 9:00am				
Facility or Setting Type	**Facility or Setting Name**	**Active Cases**	**Cumulative Cases**	**Last Positive Result**
Long Term Care Facility	Genesis Nursing Home	0	63 residents 31 staff 3 deaths	1/22/2021
School	Alleghany High School Athletics	0	8 students 1 employee	01/20/2021

Mitigation and Response Efforts
- Ongoing testing continues to monitor the health of residents in skilled nursing facilities
- Ongoing testing continues to monitor the health of residents in residential group home
- Educational outreach on COVID-19 prevention
- Communication, internal and external
- Positive cases are separated from others to allow for safe isolation
- Monitoring of positive cases continues with public health staff

Demographic Data from NC DHHS as of February 8th

NC DHHS updates this data daily and can be found on NC DHHS's website.

Cases by Race for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

White	80% (604)
Other	16% (123)
Suppressed	4% (28)
Missing Data	111

Cases by Ethnicity for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

Hispanic	19% (91)
Non-Hispanic	79% (375)
Suppressed	2% (8)
Missing Data	392

Cases by Age for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

5-9	2% (18)
10-14	2% (20)
18-24	10% (88)
25-49	34% (297)
50-64	24% (207)
65-74	11% (98)
75+	10% (83)
Suppressed	6% (54)
Missing Data	1

Cases by Gender for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

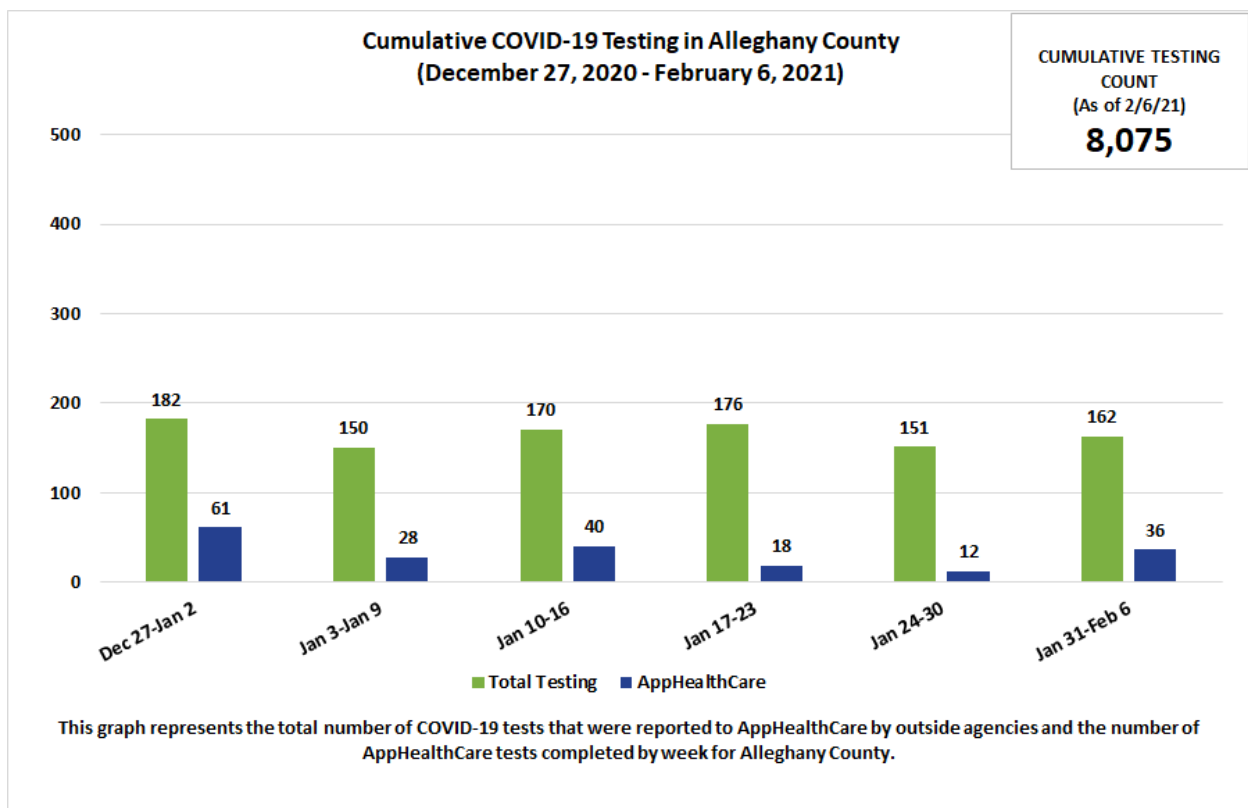|	
Female	46% (394)
Male	53% (460)
Suppressed	1% (8)
Missing Data	4

February 8, 2021

Data for Alleghany County

An important note about data context: The graphs below show the available data. Please carefully read the descriptions below the graph to understand the data limitations. The most current data is available on the AppHealthCare dashboard, as the data below is past data trended.

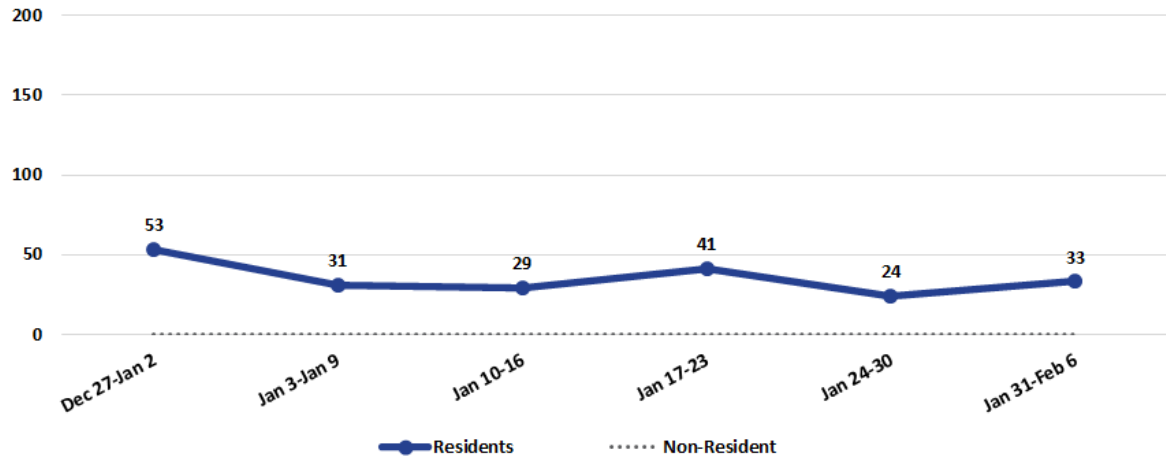### *Important Disclaimer About Data*

It is imperative that this report and the data contained within is understood in the appropriate context. Please, if you use this report, please be certain that the information included within is shared within the appropriate context. Doing otherwise may be damaging to the public health response efforts. There are multiple factors involved in addressing this virus, including compliance with public health control measures implemented by the local health director and referenced in NC GS 130A. These measures are imperative for limiting the spread of COVID-19. **AppHealthCare strongly advises that when data is shared for the purposes of educating the public or informing policy decisions, it should come directly from NC DHHS or AppHealthCare as it is presented with appropriate context from those directly involved in public health response.**

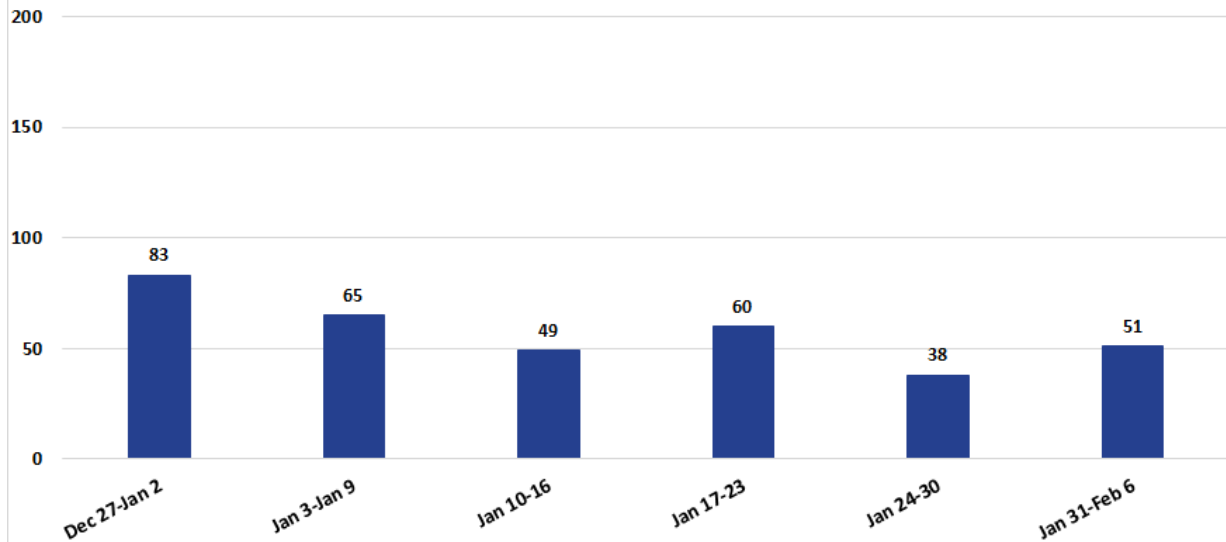**Cumulative COVID-19 Testing in Alleghany County (December 27, 2020 - February 6, 2021)**

CUMULATIVE TESTING COUNT (As of 2/6/21)

8,075

Week	Total Testing	AppHealthCare
Dec 27-Jan 2	182	61
Jan 3-Jan 9	150	28
Jan 10-16	170	40
Jan 17-23	176	18
Jan 24-30	151	12
Jan 31-Feb 6	162	36

■ Total Testing ■ AppHealthCare

This graph represents the total number of COVID-19 tests that were reported to AppHealthCare by outside agencies and the number of AppHealthCare tests completed by week for Alleghany County.

Cumulative Case Count by Week in Alleghany County
(December 27, 2020 - February 6, 2021)

CUMULATIVE CASE COUNT
(As of 2/6/21)
837

Residents: Dec 27-Jan 2: 53, Jan 3-Jan 9: 31, Jan 10-16: 29, Jan 17-23: 41, Jan 24-30: 24, Jan 31-Feb 6: 33
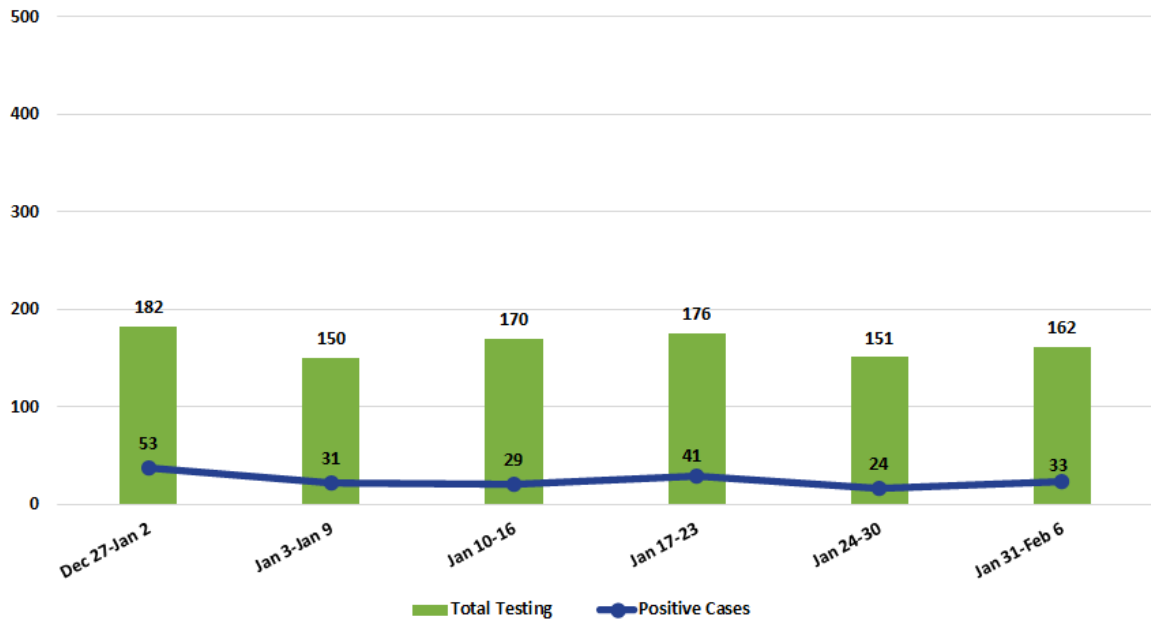
— Residents .... Non-Resident

The solid navy blue line in this graph represents the number of positive COVID-19 cases among Alleghany County residents by week. This graph also shows the number of non-residents that have tested positive for COVID-19 but reside in another county.

Number of Active Positive Cases by Week in Alleghany County
(December 27, 2020 - February 6, 2021)

Dec 27-Jan 2: 83, Jan 3-Jan 9: 65, Jan 10-16: 49, Jan 17-23: 60, Jan 24-30: 38, Jan 31-Feb 6: 51
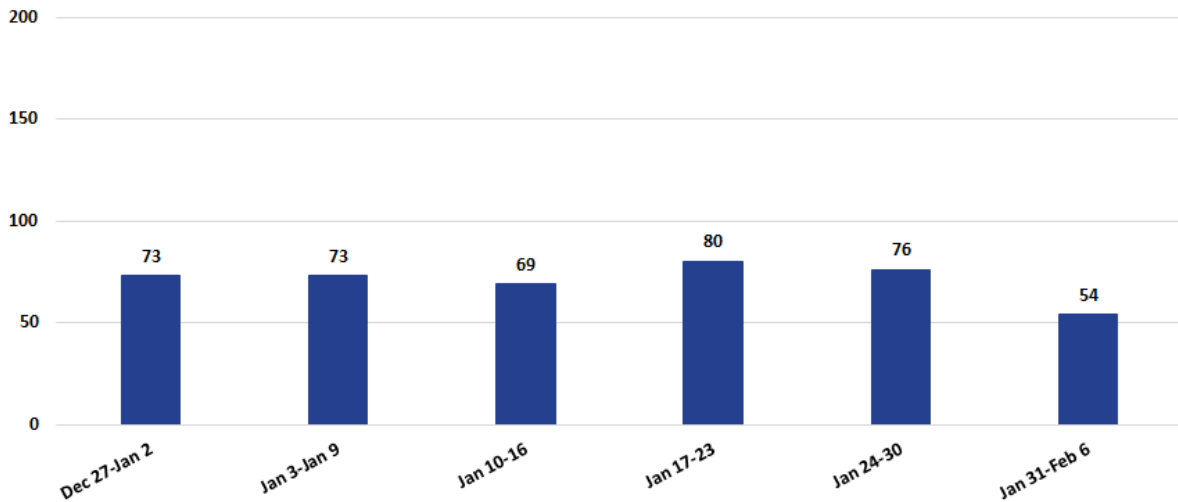
The graph represents the number of active COVID-19 positive cases by week in Alleghany County. A positive COVID-19 case is considered active for ten days after the initial positive test result.

Total Weekly Tests Reported vs. Weekly Case Count in Alleghany County
(December 27, 2020 - February 6, 2021)

Week	Total Testing	Positive Cases
Dec 27-Jan 2	182	53
Jan 3-Jan 9	150	31
Jan 10-16	170	29
Jan 17-23	176	41
Jan 24-30	151	24
Jan 31-Feb 6	162	33

■ Total Testing ●—— Positive Cases

This graph represents the number of COVID-19 positive cases by week in Alleghany County compared to the total number of reported tests that were completed by AppHealthCare and outside agencies each week in Alleghany County.

Number of People Being Actively Monitored by Week in Alleghany County
(December 27, 2020 - February 6, 2021)

Week	Number Monitored
Dec 27-Jan 2	73
Jan 3-Jan 9	73
Jan 10-16	69
Jan 17-23	80
Jan 24-30	76
Jan 31-Feb 6	54

This graph represents the total number of Alleghany County residents that AppHealthCare staff have monitored due to being exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case. Individuals are notified and asked to quarantine and monitor for symptoms for fourteen days.

Additional data can be found on AppHealthCare's data dashboard. This data is updated each day around noon.