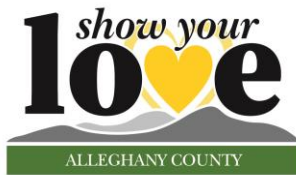## COVID-19 Situation Update for Alleghany County
May 7, 2021

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.

Vaccinating Makes Everyone Safer - COVID-19 Vaccine Update
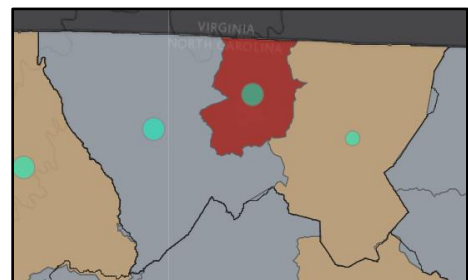

Vaccinating makes everyone safer. If you are interested in getting your vaccine, there is a spot for you. Visit our website to schedule an appointment or call us at (828) 795-1970. Show your love by getting a vaccine to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Who is eligible for vaccines?
COVID-19 vaccine appointments are open for those who want a vaccine within the age requirements. The Pfizer vaccine is approved for people age 16-17 and older and all other vaccines are approved for 18 and older. Vaccine appointments will be added to our website as they are available based on vaccine supply so continue to check back regularly for additional appointments to be added.

Vaccine Mapping
NC DHHS has released a new map that shows places in North Carolina with the highest rates of social vulnerability (red areas) and the lowest rates of COVID-19 vaccination (smallest teal circles). Social vulnerability refers to different factors, like economic factors or demographics, that impacts the resilience of communities. We are using this map, in addition to other data, to help inform outreach efforts. This map is interactive so

check out more information on the website. [*pictured right - Alleghany County map as of 4/20/21*]
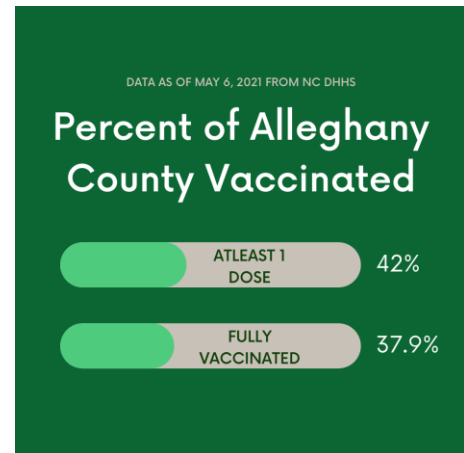
The vaccine is free for everyone, regardless of your immigration status. You do not need to show proof of insurance, social security number or an ID if you do not have it.

To learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine, visit our website here or NC DHHS's website here.

Are you interested in hosting a pop-up vaccination event?
A pop-up vaccination clinic is another way to make vaccines available to our community. Pop-up events are intended to provide more access to vaccines and reduce transportation, technology and geographic barriers. Pop-up events can be set up at businesses, community agencies, existing events and more! If you are interested in hosting an event or for us to come to your business/event, please complete the interest form (English form and Spanish form) and a member of our vaccination team will contact you.

DATA AS OF MAY 6, 2021 FROM NC DHHS

Percent of Alleghany County Vaccinated

| ATLEAST 1 DOSE | 42% |
| FULLY VACCINATED | 37.9% |

Key Points

Case Updates
For the week of April 25 - May 1 (graphs below), there was a small increase in the cumulative case count by week
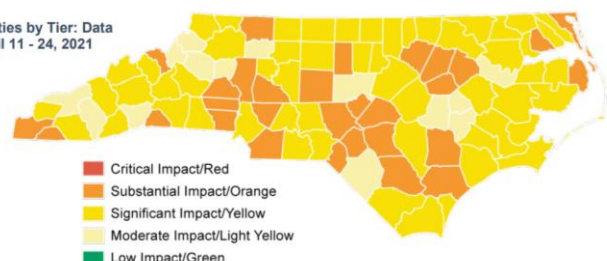
Statement from Alleghany Health
We are continuing to provide a safe environment for our community members, to receive emergency care services where they live. Our staff are here to support and provide for our community's healthcare needs on a 24/7 basis. With the addition of Urgent Care as a new service line, within the hospital clinic of Alleghany Health Service (in pilot mode), we are offering Urgent Care services Mon-Fri 8am-1pm. We have top notch providers and staff who are ready to care for you, during a medical emergency.

NC DHHS County Alert System Notes Significant Impact for Alleghany County
In the latest update, Alleghany County is **YELLOW** which notes significant impact. 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.

NC Counties by Tier: Data from April 11 - 24, 2021

- Critical Impact/Red
- Substantial Impact/Orange
- Significant Impact/Yellow
- Moderate Impact/Light Yellow
- Low Impact/Green

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.

Testing

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (regardless of whether you have symptoms or not), 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 offer testing on Monday and Thursday each week unless otherwise noted. 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.
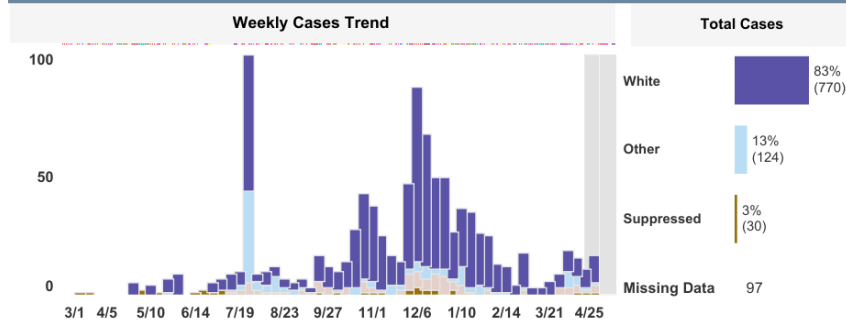
Active Outbreaks and Clusters

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 Monday through Friday 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 outbreaks and clusters.

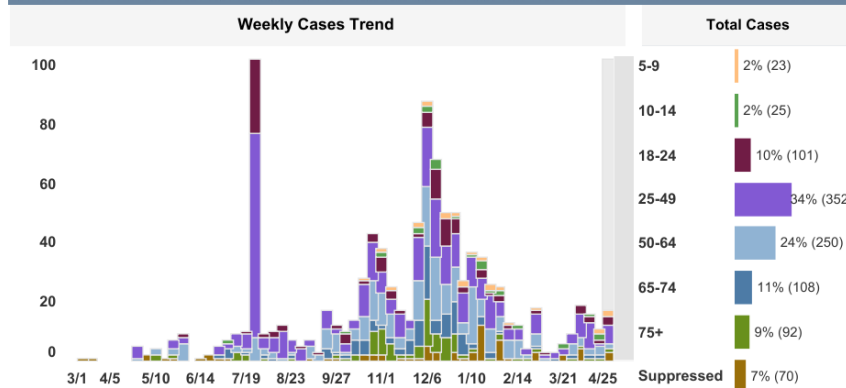| Active Outbreaks & Clusters				
Data is current as of Thursday, May 6th				
Facility or Setting Type	**Facility or Setting Name**	**Active Cases**	**Cumulative Cases**	**Last Positive Result**
Agricultural	Kathy Shore Nursery	0	12	4/19/2021
Long term care facility	Alleghany Center/Genesis	1	3	4/30/2021

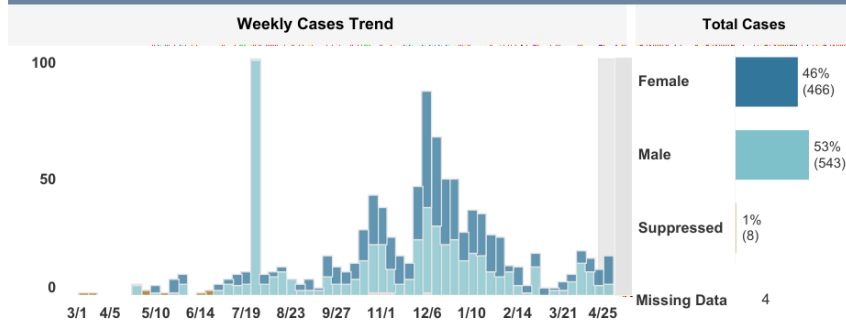# Demographic Data from NC DHHS as of May 3rd

Cases by Race for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

Race	Percent (Count)
White	83% (770)
Other	13% (124)
Suppressed	3% (30)
Missing Data	97

Cases by Ethnicity for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

Ethnicity	Percent (Count)
Hispanic	17% (119)
Non-Hispanic	82% (577)
Suppressed	1% (8)
Missing Data	317

Cases by Age for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

Age	Percent (Count)
5-9	2% (23)
10-14	2% (25)
18-24	10% (101)
25-49	34% (352)
50-64	24% (250)
65-74	11% (108)
75+	9% (92)
Suppressed	7% (70)

Cases by Gender for Alleghany County

Weekly Cases Trend

Total Cases

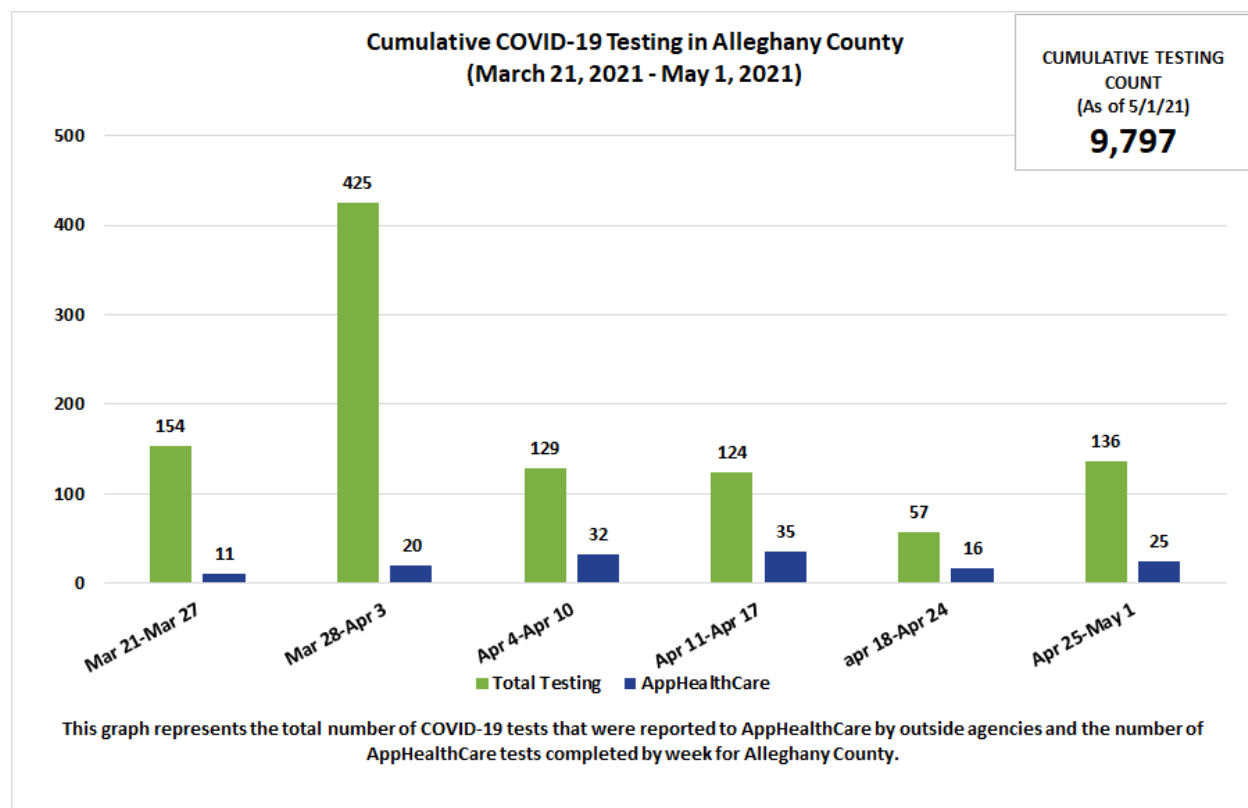| Gender	Percent (Count)
Female	46% (466)
Male	53% (543)
Suppressed	1% (8)
Missing Data	4

May 3, 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.

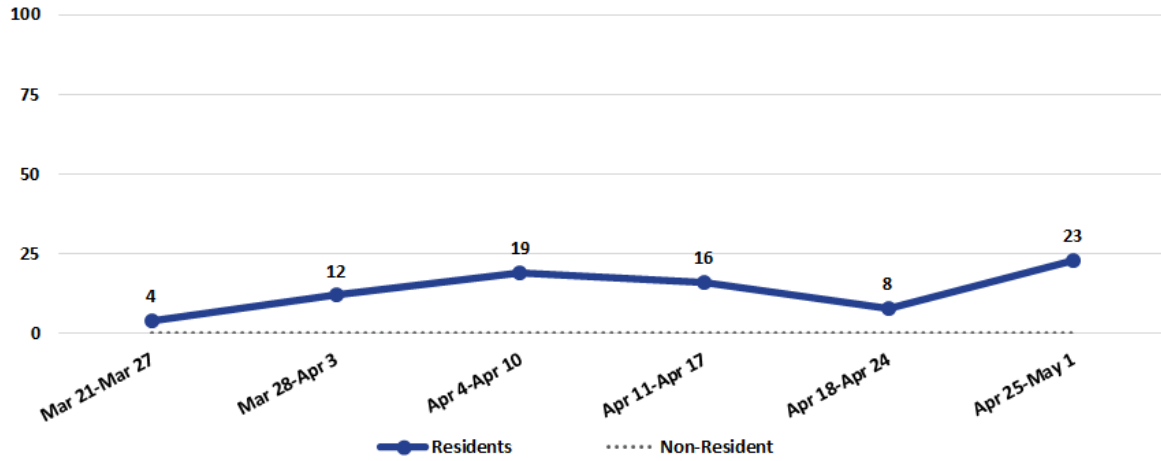### Important Disclaimer About Data

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
(March 21, 2021 - May 1, 2021)

CUMULATIVE TESTING COUNT
(As of 5/1/21)
9,797

Week	Total Testing	AppHealthCare
Mar 21-Mar 27	154	11
Mar 28-Apr 3	425	20
Apr 4-Apr 10	129	32
Apr 11-Apr 17	124	35
apr 18-Apr 24	57	16
Apr 25-May 1	136	25

■ 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
(March 21, 2021 - May 1, 2021)

Data points (Residents):
- Mar 21-Mar 27: 4
- Mar 28-Apr 3: 12
- Apr 4-Apr 10: 19
- Apr 11-Apr 17: 16
- Apr 18-Apr 24: 8
- Apr 25-May 1: 23

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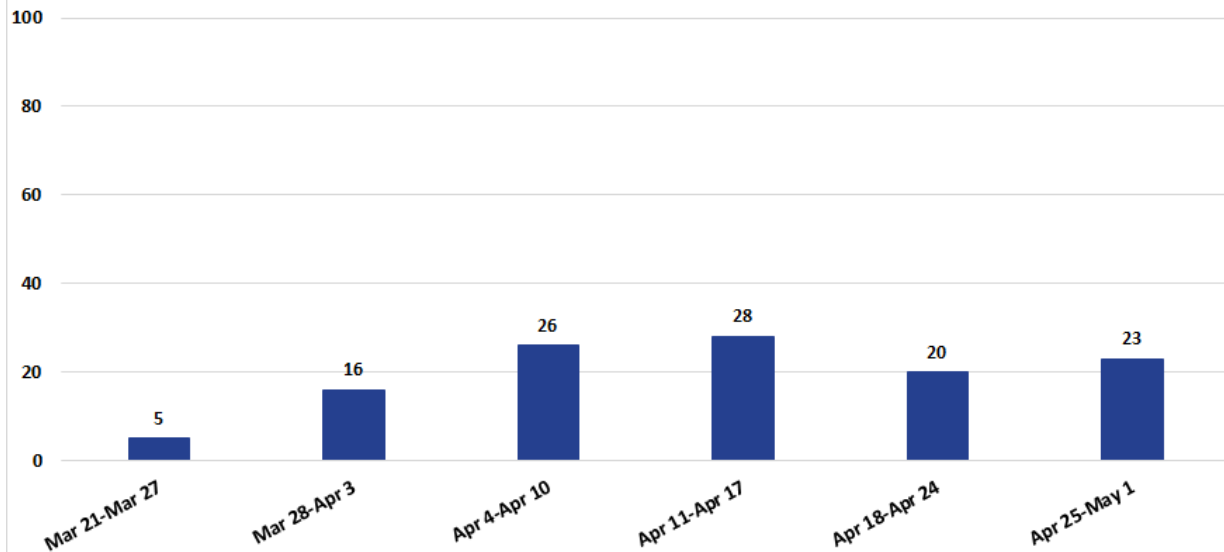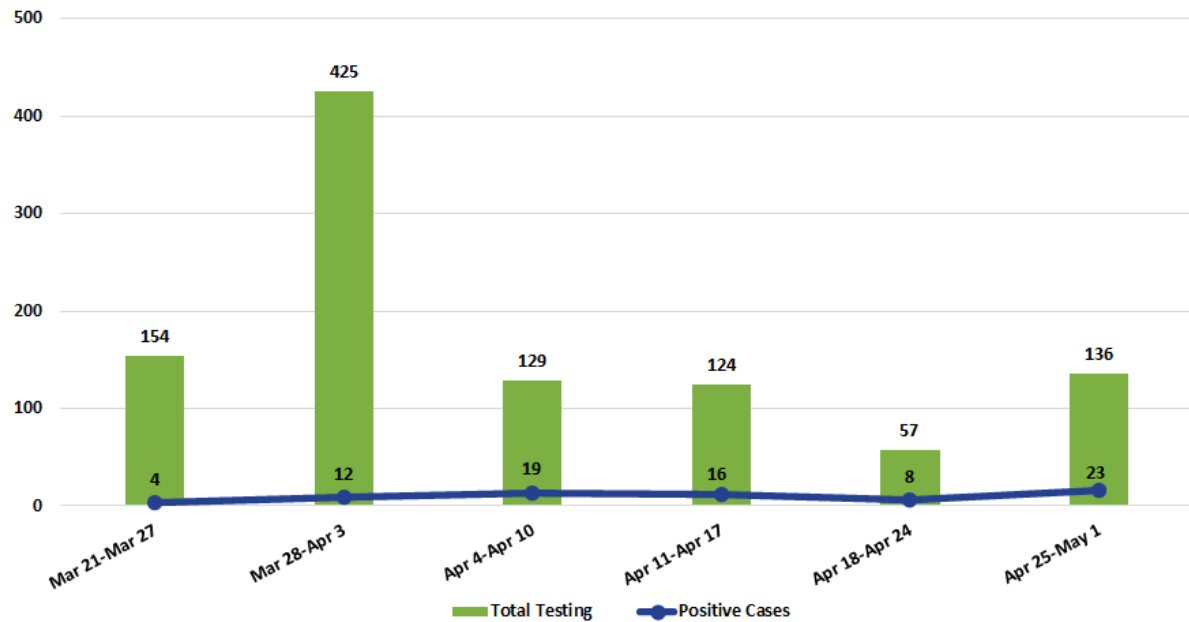
The solid navy blue line in this graph represents the number of positive COVID-19 cases among Alleghany County residents by week. This graph also shows the number of non-residents that have tested positive for COVID-19 but reside in another county.

Number of Active Positive Cases by Week in Alleghany County
(March 21, 2021 - May 1, 2021)

Data (Active Positive Cases):
- Mar 21-Mar 27: 5
- Mar 28-Apr 3: 16
- Apr 4-Apr 10: 26
- Apr 11-Apr 17: 28
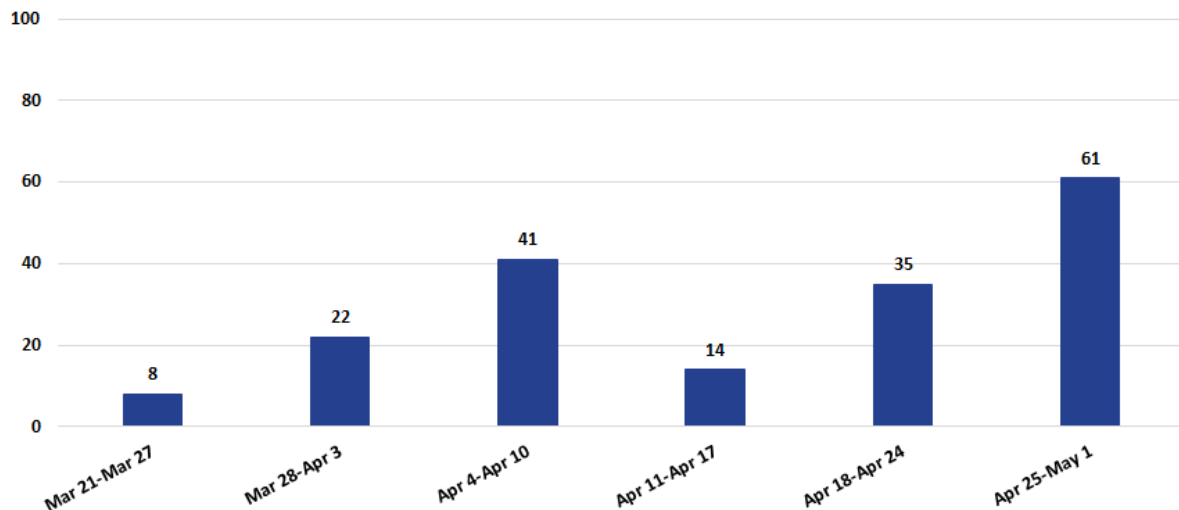- Apr 18-Apr 24: 20
- Apr 25-May 1: 23

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 Positive Case Count in Alleghany County
(March 21, 2021 - May 1, 2021)

Week	Total Testing	Positive Cases
Mar 21-Mar 27	154	4
Mar 28-Apr 3	425	12
Apr 4-Apr 10	129	19
Apr 11-Apr 17	124	16
Apr 18-Apr 24	57	8
Apr 25-May 1	136	23

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
(March 21, 2021 - May 1, 2021)

Week	Number Monitored
Mar 21-Mar 27	8
Mar 28-Apr 3	22
Apr 4-Apr 10	41
Apr 11-Apr 17	14
Apr 18-Apr 24	35
Apr 25-May 1	61

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.