



# Pike County Health Department

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## PRESS RELEASE – NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Pittsfield, IL** – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) and other emergency partners are closely monitoring COVID-19 situation developments. On 3-23-20 Josh Martin, Pike EMA Director set up partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Key Incident Management Team members meet daily to discuss response to the pandemic.

Public health strongly stresses the importance of social distancing measures to help contain this pandemic. Social distancing measures are proven to greatly minimize disease transmission. By slowing the spread of the virus, we all can help to preserve functioning of our health care system, protect health care providers, and slow the spread of the illness in Pike County.

We can assume that the illness is already in our community. Pike County Health Department expects to see cases.

Although Pike County Health Department is closed to the public during this time, phone calls are still taken and your questions can be answered Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm by calling 285-4407.

For general COVID-19 questions, Illinoisans can also call the Hotline 1-800-899-3931 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week or email [DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV](mailto:DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV).

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