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As of 4/2/20, there has been no lab confirmed positive COVID-19 test results in Pike County. Less than 5 lab tests have been performed by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) labs for Pike County residents. Pike County Health Department reports lab testing for COVID-19 is ongoing.

The testing of "high risk" individuals is a high priority. Individuals who are considered "high risk" include: Residents or staff of a congregate setting, such as a nursing home, group home or correctional setting; hospitalized patients with unexplained pneumonia; and symptomatic health care workers or First Responders. These "high risk" individuals meet the criteria for testing per IDPH and their test can be processed at the IDPH lab. For those who do not meet these criteria, the physician can order the testing to be done through a private lab.

Lab results done at IDPH labs will be available in 1-3 days. Private lab test results will take longer. The health department may not always be aware of the precise number of tests sent to a private lab, but Pike County Health Department will always be informed of any positive results, no matter which lab performed the test.

Pike County Health Department does not collect the COVID-19 test sample or perform the lab test. The need for testing is a clinical decision based on symptoms and should be determined by your physician or other health care provider.

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