Pike County Health Department



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Pike County, IL - The first lab confirmed positive COVID-19 case in Pike County, Illinois was identified on 4-04-20. The positive case is a female in the age range of 25 - 40 years of age. She is recovering at home in isolation. Contacts of the positive case have been identified and are under public health order for home quarantine. All persons involved are fully cooperative with isolation and quarantine.

Pike County Health Department wants to reassure the public that immediate action is taken by the health department when a positive case is identified.

Residents can protect themselves by:

- Washing your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with those that are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth face cover when around others.
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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 <u>DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV</u>.

If you are sick and have respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath, stay home and call your medical provider. Blessing Hospital's COVID Hotline number is 217-277-3504. Quincy Medical Group has also established a hotline. Their number is 217-277-4001.

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