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News Release – Coronavirus Testing

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Pike County, IL – There are a lot of questions about who should be tested for the Coronavirus. The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) wants everyone to know what to do if you have symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Symptoms of COVID-19 include: fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Not everyone needs to be tested. Most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home on isolation precautions. Currently there is no treatment specifically for this virus, however testing results may be helpful. Those who test positive are notified and monitored, as well as their close contacts. Those close contacts will be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Currently, the testing criteria for utilizing the IDPH lab include:

- Those hospitalized with COVID-19 symptoms.
- People with COVID-19 symptoms that live in congregate settings that serve a vulnerable population (ex: assisted living, long-term care, nursing homes, detention facilities) and are part of potential cluster of illness.
- Outpatients with symptoms that are involved in front-line COVID-19 response (Healthcare and public safety workers EMS, law enforcement, firefighters).
- Outpatients with symptoms who are employees in residential congregate settings serving vulnerable populations.

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, and you do not meet any of the above criteria, your healthcare provider can order a test through a private lab. Private lab tests are currently taking 10-12 days for results.

If you have trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, bluish lips or face, GET MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!

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.

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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