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Pike County, IL – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) is reporting almost 10 Pike County residents are currently under Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) mandatory quarantine monitored by PCHD. That does not mean that those individuals have the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). It does mean that they have been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. All current individuals under quarantine in Pike County were a close contact of someone that tested positive in another county and are voluntarily complying with the quarantine.

Those under PCHD monitored quarantine are asked to do the following for 14 days:

- Stay home, avoid public places, and don’t go to work.
- Wear a protective mask when in the presence of others.
- Use a separate bathroom from other household members, if possible.
- Wash hands after using the bathroom and after touching respiratory secretions.
- Monitor body temperature and record the results and the time.
- Sleep in a separate room from other household members.
- Be aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, loss of taste and/or smell, and stomach upset).

Another reason someone would be asked to quarantine is if that person had been tested for COVID-19 by their physician and are awaiting results. Those individuals are NOT under IDPH mandatory quarantine and will NOT be contacted by the health department unless there is a positive test result.

As of 4/24/20, over 50 Pike County residents have tested negative for COVID-19 and there are no new lab confirmed positive cases.

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