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## News Release – Stay at Home Order, Quarantine, Isolation

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**Pike County, IL** – On March 20, 2020, Governor Pritzker signed an Executive Order for residents of Illinois to “Stay at Home” and to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet while conducting essential business. That was to continue until April 30, 2020. On April 23, 2020, the Governor extended the Stay at Home” order until May 30, 2020 with modifications that will start May 1, 2020. More information on the modifications is expected this week.

Pike County Health Department (PCHD) has had several questions from Pike County residents regarding the difference between quarantine and isolation.

**Quarantine:** A person, or group of people, who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is placed under Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) mandatory quarantine. Those under this type of quarantine are monitored by their local health department to ensure their health and safety, answer questions, and provide support and guidance. Quarantine is discontinued after 14 days if the person displays no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

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.

**Isolation:** When a person tests positive for COVID-19, they are placed in isolation, either at home or in the hospital depending upon their current health condition. That isolation is very similar to quarantine in that the health department will contact the person, usually by phone, to ensure their health and safety, answer questions, and provide support and guidance. The person remains in isolation for a minimum of 7 days from the onset and can be released after fever is gone (without fever-reducing medications) for at least 72 hours.

For additional questions, you can visit [www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19).

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