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## News Release – Long Term Care Facilities

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**Pike County, IL** – Pike County Health Department would like to take this moment to thank the long-term care facilities in Pike County for their diligent work during this uncertain time.

PCHD Administrator Anita Andress, RN BSN, along with PCHD Emergency Response staff, recognizes the COVID-19 planning efforts of Barry Community Care, Eastside Health and Rehab, Liberty Village, Griggsville Estates, and Kepley House.

Their administration, staff, and residents are to be commended for their preparation. An outbreak in one of these facilities could be detrimental to the facility and cause serious issues throughout our community.

Long-Term Care facilities have had to develop new processes and policies relating to COVID-19, all the while continuing to care for their vulnerable population group, be responsive to the needs of their resident's families, and attend to the needs of their employees.

New policies have been developed addressing visitor restrictions; education, monitoring, and screening of their Healthcare Personnel and residents; monitoring availability of Personal Protective Equipment and other supplies; and stepping up their infection prevention practices. The staff have received instruction in proper hand hygiene, use of personal protective equipment, collection of COVID-19 specimens, and cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces and equipment.

Pike County long-term care facilities are one of the “unsung” heroes during this pandemic. Pike County Health Department thanks you for your cooperation and collaboration during this time. We salute you!

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