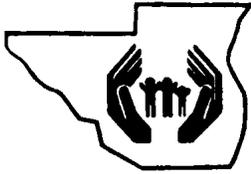


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News Release – One New Case of the COVID-19 Virus in Pike County, IL

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Pike County, IL – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) has been notified of a new Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) case in Pike County, a female in her teens. She is isolating at home. Close contacts have been asked to quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the positive case per CDC guidelines.

A total of nine COVID-19 cases in Pike County residents have been reported to PCHD. Five cases are active and four have recovered. There are currently 61 people under voluntary quarantine due to being a close contact of someone who tested positive for the virus.

Please note: **PCHD does not provide COVID-19 testing.** If you are feeling ill and would like to be tested, please contact your health care provider to set up an appointment to be tested. Additional testing options include calling Illini Xpress at 217-285-5080, Quincy Medical Group hotline number at 217-277-4001, or Blessing hotline number at 217-277-3504.

Ways to prevent the spread:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with those that are sick.
- Put as much distance between yourself and other people as possible. Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth face covering when around others and unable to socially distance.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue away and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Please stay home and away from others when you are not feeling well.

** These numbers are provisional and subject to change.

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