

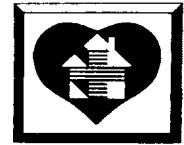
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News Release – 1 New Case of the COVID-19 Virus in Pike County, IL

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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 male in his twenties. He is isolating at home. Close contacts are being identified and will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with the positive case per CDC guidelines.

A total of fourteen COVID-19 cases in Pike County residents have been reported to PCHD. Three case are active and eleven have recovered. As of 8/4/20, 12 people are in quarantine and over 1500 people have tested negative for the virus.

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. Please stay home and away from others when you are not feeling well.
- Maintain social distancing recommendations of at least 6 feet. 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.
- Avoid social gatherings of more than 50 people per the Illinois Recovery Plan.

Things that could move us backwards:

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health is closely monitoring data from local health departments and regional healthcare councils and will recommend moving back to the previous phase based on the following factors:

- Sustained rise in positivity rate
- Sustained increase in hospital admissions for COVID-19 like illness
- Reduction in hospital capacity threatening surge capabilities
- Significant outbreak in the region that threatens the health of the region

** These numbers are provisional and subject to change.

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