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## News Release - 5 New Cases 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 five new Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Pike County:

- An infant
- 1 female in her teens
- 1 female in her 40's
- 1 male in his 60's
- 1 female in her 60's

All positive cases are 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 nineteen COVID-19 cases in Pike County residents have been reported to PCHD. Seven cases are active and twelve have recovered. As of 8/6/20, 34 people are in quarantine and over 1550 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.

For any complaints about individuals or businesses not complying with IDPH recommendations on social distancing and masking, please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Pike County State's Attorney.

For general questions about the COVID-19 virus, call 1-800-889-3931

\*\* These numbers are provisional and subject to change.

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