

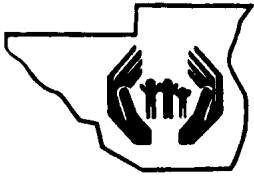
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News Release Emergency Disaster Proclamations and Executive Orders

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Pike County, IL – The IL Department of Public Health (IDPH) recently adopted the following emergency regulations in response to Governor JB Pritzker's Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations and Executive Orders related to COVID-19:

[Control of Communicable Diseases Code \(77 Ill. Adm. Code 690\)](#) The Department (IDPH) has jurisdiction to address dangerously contagious or infectious disease outbreaks to protect the health and lives of the people of the State and is using that authority to establish restrictions to slow the transmission of COVID-19. This rule requires people over age two who are able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering to cover their nose and mouth) to use a face covering when in a public place and they are unable to maintain at least a six-foot social distance. This requirement applies whether in an indoor space, such as a store, or in an outdoor space. Any business, service, facility, or organization open to the public or employees shall require employees, customers, and other individuals on the premises to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when on premises. This requirement also applies to all schools and day care facilities. This emergency rule also prohibits gatherings of more than 50 people (or gatherings of 50% or more of a building's maximum occupancy if 50% of a building's maximum occupancy is less than 50 people).

IDPH has delegated administration and enforcement of these regulations to all local boards of health, health authorities and officers, police officers, sheriffs, and all other officers and employees of the State or any locality, including IDPH and certified local health departments. Therefore, the Pike County Health Department, Pike County Sheriff's Department and Pike County State's Attorney are working together to interpret and administer these regulations. We all want to help individuals and businesses comply with IDPH regulations and protect the health of Pike County residents.

A proactive, preventative response to minimize illness, death, and rapid community spread of COVID-19 will prevent a surge of disease that could potentially overwhelm healthcare services and other resources.

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

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