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News Release Severity of COVID-19 in Pike County

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Pittsfield, IL – Since November 2, 2020, Illinois Region 3, which includes Pike County, has been under increased mitigation requirements by the State of Illinois. Many in Pike County are ignoring those mitigation strategies intended to slow the spread of this virus. It is not without consequences. To date, over 790 Pike County residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and there are 57 probable cases of this virus. Of those, 56 people have been hospitalized and there have been 20 deaths. Hardest hit are our nursing homes who have seen 98 of their residents and 47 staff members test positive for COVID-19. Sadly, 14 of those nursing home residents have died.

What can be done?

- Please stay home if you are sick or feel like you are becoming sick. Many times, this virus can present itself with cold, allergy, or sinus infection symptoms.
- Please wear a mask while in public (indoors or outdoors) when you are unable to maintain social distance.
- Wash your hands throughout the day with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.
- Get tested: There are a number of places to be tested. Check with your primary care provider for testing options. Then – STAY HOME until you receive your test results. You could spread this virus to others before you ever have symptoms.

As of November 13, 2020, Pike County's 7 day rolling positivity rate was 18.4%, which is only 0.2% down from last week. Unless we, as Pike County residents, patrons, employees, and business owners pull together to reduce the spread of this virus, we could be subject to further mitigations and possible shutdown. It is up to each and every one of us to make a difference.

For updates on Pike County COVID-19 cases, please go to our website at <https://www.pikecountyil.org/health-department/health-departmentpress-releases/>

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

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