

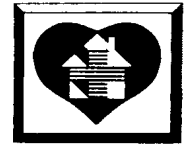
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Pike County – One of 50 IL Counties to Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

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Pittsfield, IL – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) alerted Pike County Health Department (PCHD) late on December 7, 2020 that Pike County will be one of fifty counties to receive vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The vaccine is expected to be distributed to local health departments on or around December 15, 2020.

Vaccinations will be rolled out in phases. In Phase 1A, vaccine is targeted to the Critical Populations of Frontline Health Care Personnel and Long Term Care facility staff and residents. The first allotment of the vaccine will focus on vaccination of frontline hospital workers. PCHD will provide the initial vaccinations for frontline healthcare personnel. Vaccinations for Long Term Care facility workers and residents will be provided by CVS and Walgreens through a federal contract.

PCHD Administrator, Anita Andress, RN, BSN will be receiving a call today to inform PCHD of expected allotment and anticipated ship date. It is anticipated that PCHD will receive vaccine sometime in the middle to end of next week, however information is changing by the minute.

PCHD is working with Illini Community Hospital and other healthcare personnel to prioritize who will receive the vaccine allotted during the first shipment.

Other priority groups included in Phase 1A of the vaccination plan include: Frontline healthcare workers who are caring for COVID-19 patients; pharmacists, plasma and blood donation workers; public health nurses, and other public health and emergency preparedness workers; dentists and hygienists; and funeral home workers.

Information is forthcoming on those who will be in Phase 1B of the vaccination plan.

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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