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## News Release Adams County to help Vaccinate Pike County Residents 65 and above

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**Pittsfield, IL** – We are pleased to announce Pike County Health Department (PCHD) is partnering with the Adams County Health Department (ACHD) to expand COVID-19 vaccination to Pike County residents 65 years and above. Supported by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the goal of this expanded vaccination site for Pike County residents is to assure older individuals who are more likely to become seriously ill from COVID infection are protected as soon as possible. This will also lower incidence of hospitalization at the Blessing Health System, opening up additional medical capacity to assure it is available to everyone in our region who needs it. The expansion will also include the counties of Brown, Hancock, and Schuyler counties.

Beginning Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 3PM, any person who is 65 or older may visit the following registration website at adamscountytogether.com/vaccinate to make an appointment for the week of January 25-29. Beginning Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10AM, these individuals may also call 217-600-4VAX to schedule with one of the ACHD call center representatives.

PCHD currently has approximately 1,500 individuals 65 and older on a pre-registration list to be scheduled for a vaccination. If you have already called PCHD to request a vaccine but would rather go to Adams County, please follow the above information for scheduling your vaccine. If you wish to receive your vaccination at PCHD, please call the health department at 217-285-4407 and use option 8 to leave your name, date of birth and phone number. Appointments will be scheduled based on prioritization and vaccine availability. If you have already called and been added to the pre-registration list, no further action is required.

Please note, PCHD is receiving a large number of calls. If you have provided your information to PCHD, you will be called to set up an appointment when vaccine becomes available.

Information on vaccinations in Illinois by county is now available at: <a href="https://www.pikecountyil.org/health-department/health-depa

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

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