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News Release More Ways to Receive the COVID-19 Vaccine in Pike County

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Pittsfield, IL – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) has been consistently receiving 200 doses of the Moderna vaccine weekly for several weeks now. In efforts to get the vaccine into the arms of Pike County residents more quickly, PCHD has provided 50 doses each to Illini Rural Health and Quincy Medical Group. That partnership has allowed more Pike County residents to receive the vaccine according to the Mass Vaccination Plan set forth by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Late last week, IDPH contacted PCHD regarding the possibility of receiving more vaccine. PCHD officials ordered 300 more doses to add to the weekly 200 dose allotment. Quincy Medical Group in Pittsfield plans to vaccinate 300 people this week. Illini Rural Health will vaccinate 50 people at their location. PCHD plans to vaccinate 50 people on Wednesday and 100 people on Friday.

Another option is for residents to go to Adams County to receive their vaccination. PCHD currently has over 1,700 individuals age 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 call 217-600-4VAX or go to <u>www.adamscountytogether.com/vaccinate</u> to schedule your vaccination. 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 left your information to be 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: www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccinedata.

For updates on Pike County COVID-19 cases, please go to our website 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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