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PCHD News Release – COVID Vaccinations for Adolescents Ages 12-15

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Pike County, IL – As of May 12, 2021, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), have all signed off on the use of the BioNTech Pfizer vaccine for use in adolescents ages 12 to 15 years old.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, “Trials showed the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 100% effective and presented no serious safety concerns in adolescents, leading the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to grant emergency use authorization (EUA).” The most common side effects in adolescents were pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, chills, muscle pain, fever and joint pain, consistent with trials in older teens and adults.

The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) will begin vaccinations for those age 12 and older once the guidance and recommendations are finalized. One benefit for school aged children is that those fully vaccinated (2 weeks after their 2nd dose in a 2-dose series) will no longer need to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 unless the child exhibits symptoms of the virus. During this past school year, many parents became frustrated with children being quarantined multiple times, especially those whose children participate in sports or other extra-curricular activities.

To register, please call PCHD at 217-285-4407 and use option 8 to leave a message with your name, phone number, and date of birth. For adolescents, please leave your child’s name, date of birth, parent’s name and phone number. You can also register online at <https://pikecountyil.org> and click on the red banner at the top of the page. Once we have Pfizer vaccine, additional clinics will be added to our online scheduling option.

PCHD currently has the following upcoming COVID Vaccination Clinics scheduled:

- May 20th
Johnson & Johnson – 10:45 am – 11:45 am, and 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- May 27th
Johnson & Johnson – 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Please do your part in controlling the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, socially distancing, washing your hands, and get a vaccination.

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