

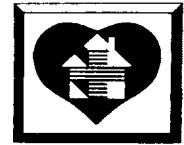
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PCHD News Release – Illinois has Reopened, But COVID-19 is Still Present

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Pike County, IL – On June 11, 2021, Illinois entered Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. This means a full re-opening of all businesses and activities. The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) would like to remind people that although things are starting to return to normal, the COVID-19 virus is still here. Just in the month of May and so far in June this year, 34 Pike County residents have contracted COVID-19. Out of those, 5 were hospitalized and there was 1 COVID related death. The average age of individuals contracting the virus during that time period is 42.5 years of age.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that individuals who are NOT fully vaccinated to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering in a public place and are unable to maintain a 6-foot social distance. This requirement applies whether in an indoor space, such as a store, or in a public outdoor space where maintaining a 6-foot social distance is not always possible. CDC also advises all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, are required to wear a face covering on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation and in transportation hubs, such as airports, train and bus stations; in congregate facilities, such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and in health care settings.

The most effective measures for preventing further spread of COVID-19 are getting vaccinated, staying home when you are sick, maintaining physical separation between other people while out in public (at least 6 feet), and frequently washing your hands with either soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

Pike County Health Department (PCHD) reopened the building to the public on Monday, June 14, 2021, and will resume services Monday through Thursday with the exception of WIC. WIC will continue remote services until August. Clients will be able to use the front door to gain access. PCHD is closed to the public on Fridays. Masking will be required and verbal COVID screening will be conducted. PCHD will close from 12:00-1:00pm daily. Immunization clinics will resume in July. More information is upcoming on dates and times of immunization clinics.

PCHD will continue to offer COVID vaccine clinics on Thursday's throughout the month of June for those aged 12 years and older. 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.

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