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PCHD News Release – Illinois to Move to Phase 5

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Pike County, IL – On June 11, 2021, Illinois will enter Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan. This means a full re-opening of all businesses and activities. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) closely follows the guidance set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This guidance will mean businesses, large-scale events, conventions, amusement parks, and seated-spectator venues, among others, will be able to operate at full capacity for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State is also lifting the outdoor mask requirement in schools in most situations.

Upon entering Phase 5, fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. The State will continue to recommend masking for unvaccinated persons, and require it for all people while traveling on public transportation, in congregate settings, in health care settings, as well as in schools, day cares, and educational institutions. Businesses and local municipalities can put in place additional mitigations as they deem appropriate.

- For summer camps, sports events and day cares: no masks are required <u>outdoors</u> by both vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals. Once indoors, masks are required for all summer camps and day cares.
- Swimming pools activities (outdoors): no masks required by both vaccinated and nonvaccinated individuals.

Businesses and communities can learn more about Phase 5 recommended public health practices by visiting IDPH's website.

Pike County Health Department (PCHD) will reopen 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 to be announced next week.

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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