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Pike County, IL – On June 22, 2021, the Schuyler County Health Department informed the public about an exposure to the COVID-19 virus at The Crossing Camp in Rushville, IL from June 13 – June 17, 2021. That exposure has now become an outbreak with over 50 confirmed cases so far. The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends all individuals (adults and children) who visited the camp during that time period to get a PCR test for COVID-19, even if you have no symptoms.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include mild to severe respiratory illness with fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of sense of taste and/or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) would like to urge residents to continue to do your part to control the spread of this virus by covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands frequently with soap and water, staying home when sick, and to wear a mask if you are not vaccinated.

PCHD encourages all residents over the age of 12 to get vaccinated. Not only does that prevent you from contracting the COVID-19 virus, but also prevents you from being quarantined should an exposure occur. PCHD is currently holding vaccination clinics at the Health Department on Thursdays. To make an appointment, please call PCHD at 217-285-4407 or you can go to www.pikecountyil.org and click on the red banner at the top of the page.

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