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## PCHD News Release Continued Surge of COVID-19 Cases in Pike County, IL

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**Pike County, IL** – The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) continues to see a surge of COVID-19 cases in Pike County, IL. In the month of July, PCHD was notified of 202 positive cases and 9 probable cases of the virus. That is the most cases per month in Pike County since January of this year. In comparison, there were 219 cases in January 2021, 43 cases in February, 44 cases in March, 36 cases in April, 16 cases in May, and 36 cases in June.

The extent of the Delta variant in Pike County is not known at this time due to the number of rapid COVID tests performed. Rapid tests are not sent to a laboratory for sequencing to determine the variant of the virus. There have been 3 confirmed cases of the Delta variant in Pike County since June of 2021.

In addition to the 202 positive cases of COVID-19 in Pike County, there have been 5 COVID related deaths in July.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommend that everyone, vaccinated or not, wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.

PCHD continues to hold COVID vaccination clinics on Thursdays in the month of August at the following dates and times:

August 5th 9:30 am – 12:00 pm August 12th 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm August 19th 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm August 26th 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

No appointment is necessary, but masks are required to enter the building. Watch signs for help with parking and entering the building.

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