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## PCHD News Release COVID-19 Vaccinations in Pike County, IL

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**Pike County, IL** – In the month of September, the Pike County Health Department (PCHD) has been notified of 94 positive cases of COVID-19. PCHD has also seen a decline in the average age of individuals testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. In July of 2021, the average age was 45; In August it was 40; and now in September, the average age of those individuals testing positive is 33 years old.

As of September 11, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that approximately 38.7% of the eligible population of Pike County, IL residents are fully vaccinated again the COVID-19 virus.

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone that has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by a contact tracer. The phone number that will be displayed on your phone when you receive a call from a contact tracer is 312-777-1999. Please note, **This is not SPAM**, so please answer your phone. If we are not able to speak with you within 48 hours, PCHD will send a Sheriff's Deputy to your home to check on you and to serve isolation and/or quarantine orders. This is to insure the health and safety of Pike County residents. If you feel you are a close contact and have not yet been contacted by a contact tracer, please call 312-777-1999 and speak with a contact tracer. Be prepared to give the name of the person you were in close contact with to the contact tracer as well as when you were last within 6 feet of that person.

PCHD would like to remind Pike County residents that the best way to prevent contracting COVID-19 is to wear a mask while in indoor settings, wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and to get a COVID-19 vaccination if able.

PCHD is holding vaccination clinics on Thursdays from 1:30pm – 4:30pm in the month of September. No appointment is necessary, but masks are required to enter the building. Watch signs to help with parking and entering the building.

In addition, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) will be holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the John Wood Community College parking lot in Pittsfield from 9:00-1:00pm on September 21, 2021 and again from 9:00-1:00pm on October 28, 2021.

PCHD is waiting on additional guidance from IDPH on booster and 3rd shots. Once we have this guidance we will put a press release in the local newspapers and post on our website located at <a href="https://www.pikecountyil.org">www.pikecountyil.org</a>. Just click on the red banner at the top of the page.