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## PCHD News Release COVID-19 Booster Doses Now Available at PCHD for Eligible Populations

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**Pike County, IL** – On Friday, October 22, 2021, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) adopted the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for booster doses of the Moderna and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine. Pike County Health Department (PCHD) will be administering booster doses as well as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of the vaccine on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 1:30 to 4:30 at the health department.

For Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended 6 months after completion of the 2 dose series.

CDC recommends the following groups should receive boosters:

- people 65 years and older and residents in long-term care
- people aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions

Additionally, CDC recommends the following groups may be considered for boosters:

- people aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions
- people aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings.

For Janssen (Johnson and Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine, a single COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended for persons aged 18 years and older, 2 months after receipt of the initial Janssen dose.

PCHD will offer all 3 brands of COVID-19 vaccinations this Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30. PCHD will also offer COVID-19 vaccinations on November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the health department. PCHD may add additional dates and times for vaccinations based upon demand for the vaccine. Please go to <u>www.pikecountyil.org</u> for more information.

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