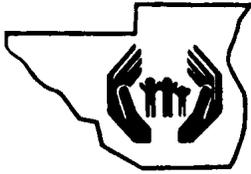


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PCHD News Release COVID-19 Cases Declining in Pike County, IL

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Pike County, IL – Cases of COVID-19 in Pike County, IL are declining. Pike County Health Department (PCHD) was notified of 208 positive cases of COVID-19 in the month of September 2021. In the month of August, PCHD was notified of 323 positive COVID-19 cases. Of the 208 positive COVID-19 cases in September, the average age of those who tested positive was 35, 25 (12%) had been fully vaccinated, 4 of the fully vaccinated were hospitalized, 13 hospitalizations in the month of September were not vaccinated. There are 5 individuals currently hospitalized. Sadly, there has been 1 COVID-19 related death reported in September.

PCHD continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations with Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson's Janssen vaccine every Thursday in October from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the health department. No appointment is necessary, but masks are required to enter the building. Watch for signs to help with parking and entering the building.

Pfizer vaccinations are available to those age 12 and above, Moderna vaccine is available to those age 18 and above, and the Janssen vaccine is available to those age 18 and above. PCHD is also offering Pfizer booster shots to those over the age of 65 or to those with underlying health conditions 6 months after their 2nd vaccination.

Pfizer and Moderna 3rd shots are available to the following:

- Those receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Those who have received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Those who have received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Those with moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Those with advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Those who are actively being treated with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends urgent action to increase Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination among people who are pregnant, recently pregnant (including those who are lactating), who are trying to become pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future. CDC strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccination either before or during pregnancy because the benefits of vaccination outweigh known or potential risks.

If in question, please talk to your healthcare provider about your medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you.

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