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PCHD News Release

PCHD to Begin Free Community Testing for COVID-19 December 1, 2021

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Pike County, IL – The Pike County Health Department (PCHD) was chosen by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to participate in a Rural Testing Pilot to provide **FREE COVID-19 testing** for community members.

PCHD staff will provide the **FREE DRIVE-THRU** COVID-19 testing at the **Pike-Scott Farm Bureau** located at 1301 E Washington St. in Pittsfield. **Testing will be offered beginning Wednesday and Thursday, December 1st & 2nd, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** Clinics will then run Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, beginning December 6th.

Results of testing will be available online through the Midwest Coordination Center. Participants will receive a link to register online at testedandprotected.org. Results will be available at that website in 24-48 hours. Please do not call PCHD for results. Participants without internet and/or email access will be contacted by the health department only if your test is positive.

Follow posted signage to enter the testing site. Testing will be drive-thru. Please stay in your car. PCHD staff will gather necessary information for testing and oversee self-collection of the COVID-19 test.

PCHD also provides free COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots. COVID vaccination clinics will be every Thursday in December, 1:30 – 4:30 pm at the health department. Please go to www.pikecountyil.org for more information.

The best way to prevent contracting COVID-19 continues to be socially distancing, washing your hands, masking, and getting a COVID-19 vaccination per CDC recommendations.

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