

# Pike County Health Department

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## PCHD News Release

### PCHD to Begin Free Community Testing for COVID-19

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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 County Farm Bureau** located at 1301 E Washington St. in Pittsfield. **Testing will be offered beginning Wednesday and Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.** Clinics will then run Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, beginning December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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. Results of the test will be available approximately 24-48 hours from test date.

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

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

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