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## PCHD News Release

### Cases of COVID-19 Continue to Rise in Pike County, IL

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**Pike County, IL** – Cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Pike County, IL, the State of Illinois, and across the country. Currently there 194 active cases of COVID-19 in Pike County, IL. Along with the increase in numbers of COVID-19 cases, comes an increase in COVID-19 related deaths as well. Sadly, there have been 4 COVID-19 related deaths in the month of December.

With such a rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 positive individuals, it has become increasingly difficult to contact those positive cases in a timely manner. Anyone who has tested positive, should isolate themselves for 10 days from the start of symptoms. If you are not experiencing symptoms, isolation should be 10 days from the date of your positive COVID-19 test. Do not go to work, school, or out into the community if you are not feeling well with any illness.

PCHD is providing FREE COVID testing at the health department located at 606 W Adams St. in Pittsfield. Testing will be offered **Monday – Thursday from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**. Please follow signage for COVID testing. **Participants will need to remain in their vehicle and park in the designated area.** A staff member will come to your vehicle to administer the test.

**Please note that this testing is NOT a rapid test. Tests results will be available in 2-3 days.** Participants will receive instructions via email on how to retrieve their results. If the participant does not have an email address, PCHD will call with **POSITIVE** results only.

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 48-72 hours from test date.

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

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