

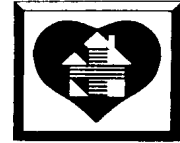
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## PCHD News Release COVID Testing at PCHD Taking Longer for Results

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**Pike County, IL** – Pike County Health Department (PCHD) has been performing COVID-19 testing for the community since December 1, 2021. Unfortunately, PCHD has been having difficulty in getting test results back in a timely manner – sometimes taking 5-6 days to result. PCHD is working with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Midwest Coordination Center (MCC) to determine what can be done to get results back within 24-48 hour time frame. Until a resolution is determined, please understand that we are working on the issue and hope to have a resolution soon.

For individuals who have been COVID-19 tested at other facilities and are seeking test results, please contact the facility performing your test for results.

For individuals who have tested positive throughout the state of IL:

- All individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 associated with a cell phone number will receive a text message from IDPH that will read:  
**IDPH COVID: There is an important message for you. Call 312-777-1999 or click the link <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/confirmed-or-possible-covid-19.html>**
- PCHD will no longer be calling individuals to contact trace or to provide letters to return to school or work. Those letters will need to be obtained when calling 312-777-1999. You may need to leave a message due to the high call volume.
- IDPH is prioritizing individuals age 65 and over and at increased risk of severe disease. Those individuals will receive an additional text message if they do not respond to the initial text message.
- Local health departments will respond to COVID-19 cases in high-risk settings such as long term care facilities and manage outbreaks at schools, daycares, and long term care centers.
- It is now the responsibility of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 to isolate themselves for 5 days. Individuals testing positive should also notify their close contacts. Isolation can end if the individual has been fever free for 24 hours and their symptoms are resolving. The individual should then wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days when around others and not able to socially distance.

For individuals exposed to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19:

- If you are up to date on your COVID-19 vaccine (fully vaccinated and have received a booster if available to you): **You do not need to quarantine.** However, you should get a COVID-19 test 5-7 days after last close contact to confirm that you did not get the virus. You should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days when around others.
- If you have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days: **You do not need to quarantine,** but you should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days when around others
- If you are not vaccinated: Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19. The date of your exposure is considered day 0. Wear a **well-fitting mask** when around others at home, if possible. Continue to wear a well-fitting mask when around others for an additional 5 days.

For more information, go to  
<https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/quarantine-guidance.html>

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