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## For Immediate Release Pike County, IL Continues at High Community Transmission Level

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**Pike County, IL** – According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Data Tracker, Pike County, IL continues to be at high community level for COVID-19 transmission. Per CDC guidance, when a community is in high, residents should:

- Wear a mask when indoors in public
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

Individuals at high risk for severe disease may need to take additional precautions to prevent illness and should discuss those precautions with their health care provider.

The best way to prevent getting COVID-19 is to not only get vaccinated, but also stay up to date on boosters. If you have received your primary series of vaccinations, you may be eligible for boosters or an additional dose for those that are immunocompromised. For more information, go to <a href="https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine/third-dose-booster-faqs.html">https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/vaccine/third-dose-booster-faqs.html</a>

Pike County Health Department (PCHD) will continue COVID-19 vaccine clinics on Thursdays in the month of July from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. All vaccines are available.

COVID-19 testing at the health department is available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:30 while community transmission is high. When community transmission levels are medium, testing will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:30. When community transmission levels are low, testing will be on Thursdays from 8:30 – 11:30. Results typically take 1-2 days.

Please visit <a href="https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker">https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker</a> to view current community transmission levels.

If you have tested positive and are unsure of what to do next, The CDC has an interactive calculator that will guide you through the next steps. Go to https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-n-cov/your-health/guarantine-isolation.html

The Quarantine/Isolation tracker is also located on the PCHD website (<a href="www.pikecountyil.org">www.pikecountyil.org</a>). Just click on the red banner, then COVID vaccination and testing information.

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