Health Advisory

Effective July 24, 2020

Increased COVID-19 Activity

A Health Advisory has been issued until further notice by the Peoria City/County Health Department due to significant increases in cases per 100,000 population and the percentage of Emergency Department visits for COVID-19-like-illness by Peoria County residents.

Based on data provided through contact tracing, the following key contributing factors have been identified:

- Increased activity including large gatherings without proper social distancing and face coverings.
- Individuals with mild symptoms failing to use proper precaution.
- Travel to states that have less protective measures.

The following precautions are advised to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Peoria County:

- **Face coverings** should be properly worn in public spaces as well as when within 6ft of individuals outside of your immediate household.
- **Proper use** of face coverings involves covering the nose and mouth.
- **Maintain social distancing** of at least 6 ft between yourself and individuals outside of your household.
- **In-person and large gatherings should be avoided** as it is difficult to maintain distancing.
- **Stay home if you are sick**, even when you have mild symptoms and get tested.
- While waiting for your **test results**, stay in isolation to prevent further exposure to others.
- **Re-consider traveling** to areas that are experiencing high rates of activity or areas where there aren’t protective measures. If you do travel, take precautions and monitor systems upon return.

The Peoria City/County Health Department considers these measures as necessary in the control of COVID-19 within our community.

For more information, please visit [www.pcchd.org](http://www.pcchd.org).