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***Peoria Civic Center COVID-19 Testing Collection Site Closure***

Peoria – The Peoria Civic Center/Fulton Street testing collection site for COVID-19 will close on Wednesday, June 23, 2021. The Illinois Department of Public Health will not be reopening the testing site in Peoria.

“Testing collection sites for COVID-19 are still available at a variety of locations throughout the community – hospitals, physician offices, Heartland Health Services, and many pharmacies,” states Monica Hendrickson, Administrator, Peoria City/County Health Department. “Closure of the Civic Center COVID-19 testing collection site is one more indication that that our community is responding to the pandemic.”

Hendrickson adds, “Remember that vaccination is the best measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Safe vaccines are available for ages 12 and older. Contact your healthcare provider or visit a local community clinic or health department.”

Visit [www.pcchd.org](http://www.pcchd.org) for COVID-19 clinic sites or additional important public health information.

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The Peoria City/County Health Department continues efforts to

improve community health in Peoria County with the overarching goal

**“to increase the number of people who are healthy at every stage of life.”**