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 Sunday, Jan. 29 3 p.m.
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Carle, Carle Hoopeston implement visitor restrictions for flu

URBANA—Due to increasing cases of flu in the area, Carle Foundation Hospital and Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center are extending temporary visitor guidelines for all hospital patients. For the safety of patients, visitors and staff, there will be a maximum of two visitors allowed in a patient's room at a time.

- Those under age 18 should not visit the hospital.
- Two visitors at a time should be in a patient room.
- Visitors with respiratory illness should not visit the hospital, or wear a mask if they must visit.
- If a patient is in isolation because of flu, limit the visitors who are vital to the

Health agencies lists flu tips
 The most recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) map shows Illinois currently has widespread flu, resulting in many hospitals and nursing homes implementing

See FLU on other side

“The safety of our patients, visitors and staff is always our top priority,” said Susan Ruwe, RN, MSN, senior infection preventionist at Carle.

“With these temporary changes our patients, staff and visitors have less of a chance to catch or spread the flu,” she said. “These visitor guidelines will be lifted when the threat of flu diminishes.”

The [pediatrics areas in the hospital have had visitor guidelines](#) for patient safety since November.

Carle has adopted the following Illinois Department of Public Health recommendations to help protect patients and visitors from exposure to the flu:

- Visitors should cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw away that tissue immediately.
- Visitors should wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer after blowing the nose or coughing or sneezing.

Carle encourages members of the public to get a flu vaccination if they haven't done so. Even at this late date, a vaccine will protect patients from the flu virus.

Police seek suspect in home invasion at Parkview Court

Hoopeston Police and Vermilion County Sheriff's deputies were called to Parkview Court at 5:48 p.m. Tuesday.

A 19-year-old woman told officers that a black man, wearing a ski mask, entered her home, demanding money and other unspecified items. The man implied that he had a weapon, said Chief Mark Drollinger.

He left with the property, which was later recovered with assistance from the Rossville Police Department.

Police searched the immediate area but were unable to find the suspect.

Drollinger said no one was injured in the incident but that a child was in the home when it occurred.

Public invited to celebrate HA boys basketball team

Hoopeston Area High School will hold an assembly to celebrate the Cornjerker boys basketball 17-1 season and the team taking the top title in the Vermilion County Basketball Tournament last week.

The event will begin at 3 p.m. Friday in the middle school gym. Doors will open to the public at 2:45.

This will be a red/white/blue Spirit Day so everyone is invited to show their Cornjerker Pride by wearing school colors!

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2-year-old Chocolate Lab "Maggie" Danner

Monday seen south of Rossville Rd 3550 N on Henning Rd. At 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Maggie was spotted about a mile south of Rossville on Rt. 1 on 3400 N on west side. Maggie is afraid and will run if chased. If you see here, please call **anytime: (217) 474-1438 or (217) 474-8326** or contact Hoopeston Animal Rescue or Vermilion County Animal Control.
We want our baby home!



From the Blotter

Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the 300 block of East Main. Police said an unknown vehicle hit the rear bumper of a 2016 Chevrolet Traverse, owned by Terry Polson of Hoopeston.

Briefly

The Gathering

Rossville senior citizens are invited to The Gathering, a get-together that will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rossville Fire Station. The event is sponsored by RCO.

Obituaries

POWELL - Cindy Lou (Harper) Powell, 60, of Hoopeston, died at 10:08 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at home. She will be cremated and private family burial held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis TN 38101-9908. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements.

Flu continued from other side

visitor restrictions.

Health officials say the best way to avoid the flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. The CDC lists the following tips:

Avoid close contact. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, flu can be mild to severe and sometimes can lead to death. Flu symptoms include:

- Fever (usually high)
- Extreme tiredness
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Dry cough
- Runny or stuffy nose

•Stomach symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, also can occur but are more common in children than adults.

Antiviral drugs, available by prescription, can help make symptoms milder. The CDC has issued guidance on which antiviral drugs to use during the 2016-17 sea-

Weather

Chance of snow showers today. High 35. Tonight, chance of flurries. Low 24. Tomorrow, chance of flurries. High 29, low 23.

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Most healthy people recover from the flu without complications but for some, flu can be life-threatening. In children, warning signs that urgent medical care is needed include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held

•Fever with a rash

In adults, warning signs include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Anyone displaying these symptoms should seek immediate medical care.



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