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## Hoopeston moves to Phase 2, Pritzker says shelter in place

The City of Hoopeston has officially moved into Stage II of its COVID-19 response plan, Brad Hardcastle, Hoopeston EMA director said Friday.

Stage II provides for planning of city services and staff to immediately move into Stage III once a COVID-19 case has been declared within a 40-mile radius of the city.

Hardcastle also announced that Illinois governor JB Pritzker issued a stay at home order effective at 5 p.m. Saturday. The order declares that all non-essential business must stop operating.

Pritzker went on to state "You'll still be able to

leave your house to go to the grocery store to get food, you'll still be able to visit a pharmacy go to a medical office or hospital or to gas up your car at a gas station, you'll still be able to go running and hiking and walk your dog. Many, many people will still go to work for the vast majority of you already taking precautions, your lives will not change very much."

Restaurants will also remain open for curbside pickup or deliveries. This stay at home order will be in place until the end of April 7

The complete text of the order, listing essential and non-essential business categories, can be found [here](#).

## HA superintendent updates community on school actions

By ROBERT RICHARDSON  
Hoopeston Area Superintendent

We learned (Friday) that the Governor has extended the mandatory school closure time frame to April 7th. Many have conjectured that the closures will be extended as our state and country work together to manage the transmission rate of the COVID-19 virus, however, we have no further information at this time.

In addition, Illinois is now under a "stay at home" order. State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala sent the following message to Illinois school superintendents: "Governor JB Pritzker announced Friday March 20th, mandatory stay at home procedures for all Illinoisans, a necessary measure to slow the spread of a deadly and highly contagious pandemic. Executive Order 2020-10 means in-person instruction in schools will continue to be suspended through at least April 7, in order to help keep our communities safe. Two pillars absolutely will remain the same: all state funding will continue uninterrupted and no schools will experience negative consequences to the extent possible.

ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) contemplates that districts eventually will transition to Remote Instructional Days. ISBE has assembled an advisory group com-

posed of teachers, administrators, and stakeholders to make recommendations about what Remote Instructional Days could look like. This advisory group will explore what is possible and what is reasonable under these unprecedented circumstances, always recognizing the incredible diversity and varying capacity of our 852 school districts."

I have received many questions about timeframes, meals, quarantines, e-learning, graduation, and other issues. We are coordinating with ISBE to determine best

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## Corona Closings

### *Some county offices closed*

In keeping with best practices for fighting COVID-19, Larry Baughn Jr., Vermilion County Board chairman, announced Friday that some county offices will be closed

### From the Blotter

A **20-year-old** Hoopeston woman reported at 9:40 a.m. Friday that someone broke a vehicle window in her driveway in the 600 block of East Thompson. Police are investigating.

to the public. These include the administration building at 201 N. Vermilion, Danville; Animal Control and Shelter, 14775 Catlin-Tilton Rd., Tilton; Highway Department, 2732 Batestown Rd., Oakwood and Coroner, 123 N. Hazel, Danville.

Essential services will still be provided at each office by appointment only. Essential services will be determined by the elected officeholder or department head. Departments and their contact numbers are:

Vermilion County Board office (217) 554-6000

EMA (217) 554-6010

Treasurer (217) 554-6080

County Clerk (217) 554-1900

Recorder of Deeds (217) 554-6040

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Supervisor of Assessments (217) 554-1940

Coroner (217) 554-6031

Veterans Assistance Commission (217) 554-7950

The courthouse and health department will remain open to the public for essential needs.

### *Hoopeston IGA limits hours, some items*

Hoopeston IGA has changed hours until further notice. The store will continue to open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Senior citizens and those with compromised immune systems are encouraged to shop from 7-8 a.m. daily.

Due to supply shortages, the store is limiting some items. All limits are per family: milk, 2 gallons; bread 2 loaves; eggs 2 dozen; bananas 1 bunch; potatoes, 1 bag.

## Weather

Mostly cloudy today. High 47. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 37. Tomorrow, chance of showers. High 50, low 39..

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## Obituaries

**ANDERSON** - Barbara Jean (Atwood) Anderson, 84, of Watseka, died March 18, 2020 at Iroquois Resident Home, Watseka. Among her survivors is a daughter, Amy Linares, of Hoopeston. Private graveside service will be held at G.A.R. Cemetery, Watseka, with a memorial service at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Harbor House. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements.

**LACKEY** - Vicki Jo (Craig) Lackey, 67, of Hoopeston, died at 5:52 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at home. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### *School continued from other side*

steps, and we will distribute information as soon as it is available. Rest assured, we will find a resolution for each issue and do everything in our power to make the best choices for our school family. Hoopeston Area school leaders are a strong leadership team. They are working on learning plans for extended school closures, school lunches will be available for the duration, and the details surrounding the typical end-of-year processes will be managed.

Chromebooks will be distributed to students not previously assigned a device Monday March 23, 2020 from 3 pm - 6 pm at John Greer and Maple Schools. Building administrators will provide specific instructions for Chromebook distribution. Learning packets will be available beginning March 30. Electronic learning packets may be accessed via the internet; accessibility instructions will be provided. Hard copy educational packets will be made available alongside sack lunch distribution or may be picked up at the District office. The District, with the assistance of many committed volunteers, will

(CST) Saturday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only 10 people at a time will be allowed into the visitation. Private graveside service will be held at Boswell Cemetery, Boswell, Ind. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

**VANDERVORT** - Phyllis Marie (Austin) Vandervort, 88, of Rossville, died at 10:05 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Due to health circumstances, a private family service will be held. Memorials are suggested to Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl 17, Chicago

be providing sack lunches Monday - Friday beginning March 30 - April 7, from 11 am - 12 pm at the Rankin Lions club, East Lynn Fire Station, Wellington Post office and the 112 Coffee Shoppe in Hoopeston.

I will say that I have been amazed and comforted by the community response within the areas served by our schools. I have personally witnessed a tremendous outpouring of generosity--people giving of their own time and resources to be sure our students have what they need. My hat is off to the teachers and school employees who are scrambling to meet learning needs, the parents and families who are balancing a rapidly shifting routine, the school administrators that are creating innovative ways to stay connected to students, the local businesses that are pulling together to offer assistance, and the many individuals that have offered to help in any way they can. Amazing. There is no doubt in my mind that we will get through this challenge together, and we will look back and realize how this circumstance reminded us that Cornerjerk pride unites us all.

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