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No confirmed COVID-19 cases in Vermilion, Iroquois counties

As the number confirmed coronavirus cases grows across Illinois, most area counties have confirmed none.

According to a map frequently updated by the Illinois Department of Public Health, 25 Illinois counties have confirmed cases of the virus, while was discovered late last year in Wuhan, China.

In Illinois, 8,374 people had been tested as of early Monday. Of those, 1,049 tested positive for the virus. Nine deaths have been reported.

As of 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Vermilion County had no confirmed cases of COVID-19, said Douglas Toole, Vermilion County Public Heath Administrator. Thirty -nine people have been tested. Of those, 29 were negative and one sample was not tested due to a labeling error. The department is awaiting results on nine samples

Illinois counties with confirmed cases of the virus include Adams, Christian, Champaign, Clinton, Cook, Cumberland, DeKalb, DuPage, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Madison, McHenry, McLean, Peoria, Sangamon, St. Clair, Washington, Whiteside, Will, Williamson, Winnebago and Woodford counties. The city of Chicago has the most cases in the state, with 519 confirmed, according to the IDPH.

No Indiana counties bordering the Hoopeston area have reported confirmed cases of coronavirus. However, two cases have been confirmed in Vigo County, in which Terre Haute is located, and two in Tippecanoe County, encompassing Lafayette.

Indiana has tested 1,960 people. Of those, 259 were confirmed as positive. Seven people have died of the virus in the Hoosier State.

Illinoisans are under a shelter in place order, which became effective at 5 p.m. Saturday. Residents are ordered to stay in their homes except for essential activities, essential government functions or to operate essential businesses and operations.

Essential activities includes seeking health and safe-

ty services, to obtain necessary supplies, such as groceries or gasoline; outdoor activity, like walking, hiking or biking in public parks and open recreation areas. All playgrounds are to be closed. Residents may also travel for essential businesses or operations and to take care of others.

While many categories have exemptions to the order, some do not. For example, in the "Healthcare and Public Health Operations listing, not included are fitness and exercise gyms, spas, salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors and other similar facilities.

All places of public amusement - indoors or outdoors - were ordered closed. These include zoos, children's play centers, movie and other theaters and bowling alleys.

Stores that sell necessary items, including food, beverages, medicines may be open. Stores selling non -essential items should be closed for the duration of the order, which expires April 7.

Even businesses that are allowed to be open are asked to impose, as much as possible, social distancing, keeping six feet of space between people. Public gatherings of more than 10 people are banned, except for members of large families.

Along with staying home and avoiding others, officials continue to stress hand-washing as the easiest way to combat the virus. After touching money, or other items in public, people are advised to wash their hands with soap and hot water for 20 seconds - about the time it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song twice. Hand sanitizer may also be used but hand washing is more effective, health officials said.

From the Blotter

James Brayboy, 22, of Danville, was arrested after police were called at 3:02 p.m. Sunday to the 200 block of West Maple. He was charged with trespassing and released on a notice to appear in Hoopeston City Court.

Photo by Anna Schenk

A healthy sense of humor Polson Insurance marks coronavirus season with a lighted tree decorated in latex gloves and a mask. The tree can be seen in the office window at 218 E. Main.

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Hoopeston Police Department window remains open.

McFerren Park Civic Center is closed to the public. Hoopeston Multi Agency front office is closed to non

Court Dispositions

February 6

Jeffrey Coss, Hoopeston, assault charge dismissed. Kelly Gomez, Hume, two cases sent to state for further enforcement.

David T. Cannon, Hoopeston, failed to appear for breach of peace constituting disorderly conduct, found guilty by default, fined \$230; status check March 5.

Timothy J. Schroeder, Jr., Hoopeston, case sent to state for further enforcement.



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Corona Changes

-essential visitors and open for scheduled appointments only. This policy will be reviewed weekly. The HMA van will be running but only transporting three people at a time. The thrift shop is open at this time.

HMA will not host any group gatherings for the next two weeks.

For assistance, call the agency at (217) 283-5544.

All East Central Illinois Community Action Agency locations will be closed to foot traffic until March 30. The VITA program is suspended until March 30. LIHEAP, CSBGG and Weatherization appointments in Vermilion, Ford and Iroquois counties will be done by remote communication.

Hoopeston Area Women's Club Carnival has been postponed.

Hoopeston Public Library: is closed until further

notice. The situation will be monitored daily. Overdue fines incurred during the shutdown will be waived. Visit hooplib.org for online resources.

Lorraine Theatre: March movies have been canceled at the Little Lorraine. The April 4 performance of 7 Bridges has been postponed.

First Presbyterian Church, Hoopeston, has canceled all services and activities until the end of April.

Weather

Cloudy, then showers likely today. High 49. Tonight, showers likely. Low 38. Tomorrow, decreasing clouds. High 58, low 45.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/ weather/.

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