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## Three new COVID cases; Iroquois County has first death

Vermilion County now has a total of 25 coronavirus cases after three new patients were confirmed Tuesdav.

The new patients are in their 30s, 40s and 60s, said Doug Toole, Public Health Administrator.

This was the second day in a row that Toole announced three new cases.

The uptick in numbers is not a cause for alarm, as it does not necessarily mean the virus has become more widespread.

Instead, Toole believes the numbers are due to more accessible testing. "Our initial cases all had their nasal specimen collected at hospitals or doctors' offices," he said.

Recently, Vermilion County Health Department has received more results from samples collected at drivethrough clinics in Danville and Champaign. "With more people getting tested, I believe we are seeing a more accurate picture of how widespread COVID-19 is in our county," Toole said. As of Tuesday morning, there had been 807 negative test results and 25 positive results, he added.

The county is holding at just one COVID-related

### **From the Blotter**

A fight call at 12:13 a.m. Monday ended in the arrest of two Hoopeston men

Police were called to the 500 block of East Main for a report of a fight in progress. After an investigation, Michael Mora, 30, and Jose Garcia, 33, were arrested on a complaint from a 56-year-old Hoopeston man.

Garcia was charged with obstructing/resisting a peace officer and was released on a notice to appear in Vermilion County Circuit Court.

Mora was arrested on preliminary charges of aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. He was taken to the Public Safety Building in Danville to await arraignment.

death, which was reported last week.

Meanwhile, Iroquois County Public Health Department reported that county's first COVID-related death, a woman in her 60s. Her death was announced Sunday.

As of Monday, Iroquois County had 46 people with lab-confirmed cases of the Chinese virus. Of those, 19 recovered and have been released from isolation. Twenty-two remain isolated at home.

No zip code in Iroquois County has more than five confirmed cases, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health map, here: www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/ covid19-statistics.

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#### Action suggested to help Illinoisans

These have certainly been difficult times for us all. People are hurting and everyone has been impacted by the coronavirus outbreak and by the government's actions in response. As your state representative I have been working overtime talking with the people of our area and finding answers to your questions about how we are going to get through this emergency.

Moving forward, the legislature is going to have serious challenges to address. We will need to be involved in the re-opening process, as government by executive order can only accomplish so much for so long.

Our first priority upon returning to session should be to pass a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, one which funds our important priorities and makes sure our health care sector has the support it needs from state government to continue meeting this challenge.

But there are other things we need to do to get the state's economy safely moving again. Health and safety must be our paramount concern, but we must get people back to work as soon as we can.

### Obituaries

**BELL** - Martha Marie (Strawser) Bell, 80, of Rossville, died at 7:04 p.m. May 3, 2020 at Country Health Nursing Home, Gifford. She has been cremated. Due to the current health situation, private family graveside service will be held. Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Country Health Nursing Home, Gifford. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

### Weather

Partly sunny today. High 59. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 41. Tomorrow, increasing clouds, chance of showers late. High 64, low 43.

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I have been working with other legislators from our area and around the state to come up with some solutions which we need to act upon. These include enacting a plan to re-open businesses with proper social distancing and other safety measures, creating a business loan program and temporarily deferring collection of sales and payroll taxes to give Illinois businesses access to capital so they can keep their doors open. We should protect homeowners who have lost their jobs and now face the prospect of losing their homes. We can do this through temporarily stopping late fees on property tax collections and also stopping tax sales during the emergency. This action should be a precursor to real, lasting property tax reform which is long overdue.

Letters to the Editor

We can endure this crisis, help those who have been harmed by the outbreak and its economic consequences, protect our small businesses, and make our state stronger. We can do it if we are willing to work together.

I encourage you to visit my website at repbennett.com to sign up to receive e-mail updates with the latest news about the outbreak in Illinois. These updates are usually weekly, but in the present emergency I have been sending them out daily. You will find helpful information about staying safe from the virus, how to find medical help, and also information about assistance for those who have lost their jobs and those who are struggling to stay in business.

If you need assistance from state government, please contact my office in Watseka at (815) 432-0106 or Pontiac at (815) 844-9179. We will continue this critical fight for you, our district and the entire state. Please be safe and hang in there!

Tom Bennett State Representative

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