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## County positivity rate drops, more Covid-related deaths reported

Vermilion County's positivity rate for COVID-19 dropped slightly from last week.

Illinois Department of Public Health figures released for the week of November 1-7 show a slight dip - from 12 percent the previous week to 11.9 percent last week. While small, the drop breaks a recent steady upward trend.

Vermilion, along with all but six counties, remain on the state's warning list for having higher numbers in metrics set by Gov. J.B. Pritzker. Champaign, Menard, Montgomery, Pope, Stark and Union are within the limits.

Vermilion County's seven-day case rate was at 465 per 100,000. The maximum metric is less than 50 per 100,000. There were 357 positive cases. The 11.9 positivity rate must drop to eight percent or less to get the county out from the warning list.

The county remains in good shape for its metrics of decreasing or stable hospital visits at 6.7 percent, and admissions, at 18. ICU bed availability, at 39.8 percent, is well within the 20 percent guide.

Region 6, which includes Vermilion, along with Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, De Witt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Iroquois, Jasper, Lawrence, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Richland and Shelby counties, remains under increased mitigations due to the increase in novel coronavirus cases.

Iroquois County also is in warning territory for last week's numbers: 18.4 percent positivity and 750 cas-

es per 100,000. Iroquois county had 207 new cases during the time frame.

On Sunday, Public Health Administrator Doug Toole reported Vermilion County has had 2,220 positive cases, including 305 currently active. Of those, 29 are hospitalized and the rest on home confinement.

On Friday, Toole updated the number of county residents who have died from Covid-related illness, to 27, including 10 men who

died between October 31 and November 13: a man in his 40s, one in his 60s, six in their 70s and two in their 80s. Eight of the deaths were from congregating living facilities, he said.

Asked about discrepancies between the state's and Vermilion County's death counts - which are now in sync - Toole said he was not sure why the difference existed but said keeping track of county residents who are "hospitalized out of our county/region/state is tricky." The health department has changed how it tracks Covid-related hospitalizations "and that appears to be helping," he said.

Beginning on November 9, the department also began receiving the IDPH list of deceased county residents. "It will make it easier to double-check the numbers, and our numbers should match better, he said."

Vermilion County Health Department has received 43,478 negative test results.

See **POSITIVITY** on other side

### Area communities see Covid increases

Area communities continue to see an upward climb in COVID-19 cases over last week's totals.

In the 60942 zip code, which includes Hoopeston and Cheneyville, the accumulated number of positive cases on Monday stood at 221, up from 171 on November 8. Rossville's cases rose from 37 to 52, while Rankin added two, currently at 27.

In other locales, Alvin now has 19, up from 13, Potomac is at 56, up 10, and Bismarck jumped 11 to 44. Danville's 61832 went from 1,090 last week to 1,304 Monday and in 61834, the number rose from 254 to 327.

In Iroquois County, Wellington added three, to 14 and Milford's total rose to 75 up from 46. Cissna Park added eight and is at 80, while Watseka went from 122 to 176.

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## From the Blotter

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## Hoopeston Public Library does ‘Cooking the Books’ twist

The Covid-19 pandemic has kept Hoopeston Public Library from holding its regular monthly “Cooking the Books” program but library staff wanted to do something fun for all their cooking friends for this holiday season.

Library personnel are putting together an HPL Holiday Cookies Cookbook with recipes from patrons and staff. To get one, send your favorite holiday cookie/candy/sweet treat recipe to share. All recipes will be assembled together in a cookbook. Everyone who receives a recipe will receive a copy, either print or digital.

Deadline for recipes is November 30.

Recipes may be dropped off with patron books, emailed to [joann@hooplib.org](mailto:joann@hooplib.org) or mailed to Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Please include your name and city of residence.

## Positivity continued from other side

Toole also explained the difference in how positive and negative test results are counted. If someone tests negative for COVID-19 five times, those each counted as five negatives, he explained. A person who tests negative four times and positive once counts as four negatives and one positive case. Someone who tests

## Briefly

### Meetings

● Hoopeston City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Hoopeston City Hall. Agenda and remote access code are at [www.cityofhoopeston.com](http://www.cityofhoopeston.com).

● Hoopeston Area School Board, 6 p.m. Thursday, John Greer. Board will go into executive session at 6 p.m. Public meeting will follow finished. Agenda and remote access code posted at [hoopeston.k12.il.us](http://hoopeston.k12.il.us).

### Weather

Sunny today. High 42. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 25. Tomorrow, sunny. High 50, low 40.

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positive five times would appear on the positive count only once. “Positive cases, negative test results,” he said.

Asked where all the cases are coming from, Toole said, “It is difficult to tell with certainty how someone contracted an airborne virus whose symptoms often don’t appear for five to seven days. Close physical contact for extended amounts of time (15 minutes or longer) with a COVID-positive person is how most

people get the disease. Living in the same house, sharing a car ride, visiting over a meal, sitting close together during a meeting, all can help the disease to spread.”

In daily updates on Facebook, Toole often has the same advise for staying healthy in the era of Covid: “Eat healthy. Exercise. Hydrate. Get enough rest. Wash your hands. Get a checkup. Continue to wear your mask and to social distance.”

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