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## Correctional center cases cause county numbers to skyrocket

Recently released numbers about Covid-19 cases believed to be from the Danville Correctional Center have sent the number of Vermilion County positive Covid tests skyrocketing.

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole, in his December 26 update, said the day's report dealt with an ongoing outbreak at a congregate-living facility in Vermilion County. While Toole did not name the facility, its 519 cases left little doubt that the Danville prison is the site of the outbreak. Age ranges of those in the report ranged from the 20s to 80s.

Of the 519 cases, 72 had been released from isolation and 447 were active.

On Monday, the state reported 571 active cases in the inmate population and 53 active cases among staff.

Also last week, Vermilion County Health Department was "finally...able to confirm our outstanding deaths," Toole said. Fourteen deaths - ranging from October to

## County receives Covid vaccine

The highly-anticipated COVID vaccine, expected in Vermilion County last week, arrived Wednesday morning

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole said on December 23 that some counties in Region 6, which includes Vermilion, Iroquois, Champaign, Clark, Clay, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Jasper, Lawrence, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Richland and Shelby counties, had received an initial shipment of the vaccine, but Vermilion County had not.

That changed Wednesday, when Toole announced at 11 a.m. that the initial shipment of 500 doses of the Moderna vaccine, as well syringes and other necessary equipment, had arrived.

Shipments to county hospitals (500 doses for OSF and 400 for Carle Hoopeston) were hoped to arrive at the facilities Wednesday, as well.

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December - were added, including two men in their 60s one in his 70s and five in their 80s. One woman in her 70s, three in their 80s and two in their 90s also died in the timeframe.

The additions brought the county's total to 73 deaths. "About 48 percent of our total deaths occurred in the month of November alone," he said.

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Cases by Community/Zip Code		
Community/ Zip Code	Positives 12/20	Positives 12/30
Alvin	47	52
Bismarck	90	95
Danville 61832	2347	2479
Danville 61834	939	1128
Hoopeston	459	522
Potomac	102	110
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Cases continued from other side

Since then, six more county residents have died, including a man in his 50s, reported December 24, and three reported Tuesday: a man in his 40s, a woman in her 70s and a woman in her 90s.

As of Tuesday, Vermilion County has had 5,532 total confirmed cases. Currently, 708 are active, with 667 on home isolation and 41 hospitalized.

There have been 69,275 total negative tests.

Younger age groups continue to make up the bulk of the county's positive cases. Those in their 20s make up 866 of the total cases, followed by 856 in

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their 30s and 816 in their 50s. People in their 60s total 634, followed by 527 in their teens, 410 in their 70s, 325 ages nine and younger and 227 80 or older.

Ninety-one people were of unknown age, according to Vermilion County Health Department information.

Obituaries

**GARRISON** - Donald Garrison, 72, of Rossville, died at 10:42 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at Hoopeston Regional Health Center. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Masks and social distancing are requested. Private graveside service will be held. Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

**HOLT** - Donna Kay (Ferrell) Holt, 78, of Lincoln, Calif., formerly of Hoopeston, died December 27, 2020, at home. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 218, Hoopeston IL 60942 or Snowline Hospice (6520 Pleasant Valley Rd., Diamond Spring, CA 95619, [www.snowlinehospice.org](http://www.snowlinehospice.org). Condolences may be left at the [Sacramento Bee](#).



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Vaccine continued from other side

"We are planning to begin vaccination clinics to health-care providers and first responders at the health department next week," Toole said.

"When we are able to begin vaccinating critical infrastructure workers, those with underlying health concerns, seniors, and the general public will depend on how often we receive shipments of vaccine, how much vaccine is provided in those shipments, and how many health-care workers and first responders want to receive the vaccine in January," he added.

Meanwhile, a walk/drive up mobile Covid testing

team will be at VCHD, 200 S. College, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 34. Tonight, cloudy, wintry mix likely. Low 27. New Year's Day, rain/freezing rain likely. High 43, low 33. Saturday, mostly cloudy, chance of rain/snow late. High 38, low 26. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 38, low 26. Monday, sunny. High 42, low 30.

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