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State moves to vaccinations for those in 1B, county waiting on approved appointment system

This week, Illinois will move to include more people in the state's Covid-19 vaccination program.

With Group 1A vaccination, people in Group 1B may begin receiving the vaccine, said Doug Toole, Vermilion County Health Department director.

Group 1B includes police, fire and other first responders, postal workers, teacher and education staff,

seniors ages 65 or older, county and state officials and food processing, manufacturing and transportation workers.

Toole estimated Vermilion County has 32,000 residents who fit in Group 1B. "We are asking the 32,000 residents who fit into Group 1B to not call the health department to try to schedule an appointment," he said. "We are setting up a state-provided program that will allow county residents to make appointments and to enter their information online."

Toole said last week that he hopes to be able to post the link to the program this week.

"If the public will utilize the Juvare computer program, it would allow us to focus on planning and operating the vaccination clinics and to spend less time

on entering data. With a little patience, we will get through this," he said.

Roughly a couple of weeks after the scheduling program goes live, health department staff will start assisting seniors and those who cannot navigate Juvare on their own, so that they can receive Covid vaccines, he added.

Toole said county hospitals are interested in providing the vaccines and that officials at OSF and Carle Hoopeston are working on details to decide how many clinics they will be able to hold.

A State Mobile Testing Team will be at the Vermilion County Health Department, 200 S. College, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on January 19 & 21.

Circuit clerk to provide e-notifications for court dates

Vermilion County Circuit Clerk Melissa Quick announced the launch of an electronic notification system.

Her office has partnered with JANO Technologies to provide notifications of court dates to a subscriber's e-mail address or SMS text message to a smartphone.

eNotify is an easy and convenient way to keep track of upcoming court dates. It will allow defendants and/or other constituents of pending court dates to receive notifications one and three days prior to their upcoming court date. Notifications will give parties the court date, time, location, attorney and charges as well as some other details about the case.

Please note, this feature is a courtesy to all defendants and/or constituents of Vermilion County cases. Failure to receive notification via eNotify will not prevent the court case from proceeding as scheduled.

eNotify became available January 15. "We feel as if this service will benefit everyone who are currently scheduled for court appearances," Quick said.

To register, log on to www.vercounty.org/circuit_clerk_enotify.htm.

From the Blotter

No tickets or injuries were reported in a one-vehicle accident at 5:21 p.m. Sunday in the 500 block of East Seminary. Police said Steve Hanson, 63, of Hoopeston, was eastbound in a 2002 Ford F 150, left the road and hit an Ameren pole. There was no report of the pole being broken.

Obituaries

BELL - Barry Alan Bell, 70, of Cissna Park, died Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021, at Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Watseka. He will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Knapp Funeral Home, Cissna Park, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

DROLLINGER - Lulua M. (Christiansen) Drollinger, 89, of Kankakee, formerly of Rankin, died Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Private graveside service will be held at Rankin Union Cemetery. Knapp Funeral Home, Watseka, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.knappfuneralhomes.com.

Cases by Community/Zip Code

Community/ Zip Code	Positives 1/10/21	Positives 1/17/2021
Alvin	69	72
Bismarck	117	123
Danville 61832	2715	2851
Danville 61834	1333	1459
Hoopeston	571	599
Potomac	119	123
Rankin	61	63
Rossville	151	156
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Milford	175	191
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