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State revamps computer system, online vaccine appointment scheduling put on hold

Vermilion County residents who hoped to make an appointment online for a Covid-19 vaccine will have to wait.

Public Health Administrator Doug Toole said Vermilion County Health Department learned Friday - the day Toole expected to the online appointment system to go live - that state would not have it ready.

Earlier last week, Toole asked residents not to call the health department to schedule vaccine appointments and instead wait for the online scheduler.

In light of the problems experienced by the state, Toole is now asking residents to call to be placed on a waiting list.

Currently, vaccines are available for Group A1, which includes frontline healthcare workers and others and, starting Monday, Group B1, including people 65 or older, frontline essential workers such as corrections officers, postal workers and those in manufacturing, food/agriculture, grocery store, public transit, education and shelters/adult daycare. Toole said last week that there are roughly 32,000 county residents in the B1 category.

Toole had hoped the online system would make scheduling appointments less frustrating for residents and VCHD staff. "Up until now, we have filled our appointment books for the clinics 'old school,' with people calling or coming to reception if they wanted a vaccine, and then filling out their information on a paper form that

must then be entered into a state database by us after the clinic, he said. "It is an inefficient, frustrating way to handle mass-vaccination events, and it leaves most of the public and all of the staff unhappy."

Toole hoped that with online appointment scheduling in place, VCHD staff could focus on planning and operating vaccine clinics and plan for those who don't have or don't want to use computers to schedule appointments.

On Thursday night, Toole was notified that the state was revamping the computer system and on Friday, the launch was scrubbed.

Scheduled vaccination clinics will be held as scheduled despite the problem. Clinics at the health department include:

January 28 - first dose vaccinations for educators

February 2-4 - second dose vaccinations for those who received first doses January 5-7 and first doses to educators.

Region 6 return to Phase 4 guidelines puts local sports in play

The return of Region 6 to Phase 4 of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Covid-19 mitigation plan has athletes ready to go.

While all sports practices and contests were canceled in Tier 3, the region's move to Phase 4 will allow school athletics to resume.

What is allowed depends on the risk category of the sport, low to high, as determined by the state.

Higher risk sports include boys/girls basketball, football, and wrestling.

Sports with a moderate level of risk include boys and girls soccer and girls volleyball.

Lower level risk sports include golf, baseball, softball, track and field, cheerleading and bowling.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, which are used by the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), determine the level of activity each risk level may have.

Three clinics are to be held at the Fischer Theater on February 11, 18, and 25 and will focus on second dose vaccinations to those who received their first doses in January and first-dose vaccinations to senior citizens.

Due to the trouble with the online registration system, VCHD will run "old school," with residents calling to schedule appointments and filling out their consent and pre-screening forms on paper.

Health department staff will enter the data into the ICARE database afterwards.

What will happen going forward is not yet known. Toole hopes the online system will be available soon but is ready to deal with whatever is needed. "We are in the initial weeks of what will be a months-long mass vaccination process," he said. "Things change suddenly, and then we adapt and modify our plans."

To be put on the wait list to receive Covid-19 vaccinations, residents may call VCHD at (217) 431-2662, ext. 243.

In Phase 4, low risk sports may have non-conference contests, out-of-state contests, tournaments and state series.

Moderate risk outdoor sports may have non-conference contests, out-of-state contests, tournaments and state series. Indoor moderate sports remain at Tier 1 mitigations: contests allowed within conference and region.

Higher level sports allows contests within the conference and region.

Last year, IHSA devised a schedule for sports to resume in Illinois schools. As the number of Covid-19 cases increased and the state was moved to Tier 3 and sports canceled, the calendar could not be followed.

According to the IHSA website, the group's board is expected to meet January 27 to confirm a schedule for the remainder of the school year..

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Obituaries

DOVE - Tina Marie (Bond) Dove, 56, of Wellington, died at 1:57 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 2021, at home. She was cremated. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the family. Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

LEEMON - Elaine Pearl (Elliott) Leeman, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 12:24 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021 at Autumn Fields, Hoopeston. Funeral service will be at

Briefly

Card shower

Carol Hicks, of Hoopeston, is undergoing therapy following a medical issue. A card shower is being held to send cheer and well-wishes to her.

Cards may be mailed to: Carol Hicks, 326 E. Orange, Hoopeston IL 60942.

Snow route information listed as winter weather approaches

Winter storms predicted for Monday through Wednesday could result in emergency snow routes being activated.

Snow routes are activated when snow reaches 1.5" or more and a snow emergency is declared. Streets on the snow route are:

Second Ave., from Main to Rt. 9.
Penn from Rt. 1 to Euclid;
Main from Rt. 1 to Eighth St. and Euclid,
Fifth from Rt. 9 to Honeywell,
Maple from Fifth St. to Third St.
Third St. from Maple to Lincoln
Lincoln from Third St. to Fifth St.
Market from Rt. 9 to north of Hoopeston
Sixth Ave. from Rt. 9 to Main
Eighth St. from Penn to Main

An online list of streets may be found at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

When a snow emergency is declared, vehicles parked on these streets must be move to allow for unimpeded plowing. Failure to move a vehicle may result in it being towed at the owner's expense and the owner fined under city ordinance.

Snow emergencies are announced by Hoopeston Police Department to local media and distributed to social media.

11 a.m. Tuesday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston United Methodist Church, 403 E. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942. Condolences may be left at www.anderson-funeral-home.com.

MILLER - M. Arlene (Hatfield) Miller, 91, of Hoopeston, died at 10:11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021, at Carle Hoopeston Regional Medical Center. A virtual funeral will be held at noon Saturday on the Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church website. Because of Covid-19, no visitation, public service or graveside activities will take place. A celebration of her life will take place later. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston First Presbyterian Church, 915 E. Orange St., Hoopeston IL 60942, Hoopeston Public Library, 110 . Fourth St., Hoopeston American Legion Post #384, 502 E. Penn St., or donor's choice. Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston, is handling arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

YORK - Patricia Joanne (Keith) York, 85, of

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 4 p.m. Thursday to a field on fire in the 500 block of West Thompson. No injuries were reported.

Lunch Menus

Hoopeston Area Grade School menu

MONDAY: Chicken strips, green beans, applesauce, cucumber slices, milk

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, salad, peaches, milk

WEDNESDAY: Mini corndog, baked beans, celery, pears, milk

THURSDAY: Chicken taco, chips & salsa, salad, baby carrots, pineapple, milk

FRIDAY: BBQ/bun, fries, mixed fruit, Cherry Star juice, milk

Weather

Wintry mix today. High 36. Tonight, rain/freezing rain. Low 29. Tomorrow, chance of freezing rain. High 35, low 25.

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

Hoopeston, died at 12:34 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, at Accolade Healthcare, Paxton. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. celebration of her life Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in

Classifieds

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

2 bedroom first floor apartment, washer & dryer hook up, fresh paint, garbage paid, \$500 month 217-495-2274

HELP WANTED

Accepting applications for Cook, prep Cook, and dishwasher positions. Pick up application in person. Rossville Family Restaurant, 715 S. Chicago St., Rossville, IL

Wagner's, LLC, Milford, is hiring production workers, forklift drivers. Apply at 2812 E. 1100 N Rd., or call (815)-889-4101.

The City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a Code Enforcement Officer. This is a part-time position with flexible hours working approximately 40 hours per month. Applications are available on our website www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services link then Employment. Contact City Hall, 217-283-5833, for more information.

Mustard Seed Christian Daycare has an opening for a full time cook. Requirements: Must be 19 years old, must be able to follow recipes and successfully cook/bake according to the recipe, must be able to pass a background check, must be willing to obtain Food Service Manager License, must be available from 6:30am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday, must be able to lift objects up to 20lbs and stand for most of the shift. Application information can be requested by emailing Terri Bush at mustardseed.kitchenstaff@gmail.com.

Silgan Containers is hiring Press Line Mechanics. Interested candidates can apply online at silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/11205/0

Full-Fill Industries Henning, IL, is offering many job opportunities for full-time, with a full benefit package, and part-time positions. 1st and 2nd shifts available. Choose the schedule that fits your lifestyle - work 1, 2, or 3 days a week. Candidates must be 18 years old, and you can pick your shift. Machine Operators are needed for 1st & 2nd shift.

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Please apply on-line at www.full-fill.com go to employment or employment opportunities and apply as indicated. EOE

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Autumn Fields of Hoopeston is looking for CNAs part time

Floral Hill Cemetery. Masks and social distancing will be practiced. Memorials are suggested to Danville Alliance church. Condolences may be left at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

hours, every other weekend and shared holidays. Please call Autumn Fields @ 217-283-2222

KS i in Cissna Park is seeking a qualified Controls Technician for project site startups and in-field customer training for controls systems. The ideal candidate will possess excellent communication, electrical, technical, and troubleshooting skills. An understanding of PLCs and HMI applications is preferred. Travel is required. Apply online at www.ksiedge.com or send resume to hr@ksiedge.com.

Dogtown Heating, Air, & Plumbing is in search of an experienced HVAC technician to help serve our customers in the area. Pay based on experience. Health insurance, Life insurance, and 2 weeks paid vacation. We have a family atmosphere that serves our customers with honesty and integrity. Email brad.dogtown@gmail.com

Cade's Heating and Air HVAC installer/ service tech. must have valid IL drivers license and EPA freon license. Please send resume to ramcade@frontier.com or 101 E Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

East Lynn Fertilizer is seeking full time and seasonal help. Requirements include at least a Class B CDL and ability to pass a drug test. Call 217-375-4225 or stop by 41284 S Main St., East Lynn, IL for more details.

Teasdale Latin Foods has immediate openings on 2nd shift in both Distribution and Manufacturing. Pay to be determined based on experience level. Stop by the Human Resources office at 215 W. Washington Street, Hoopeston, for more detail. Please no phone calls.

Aquality Solutions is looking for full-time delivery drivers skilled in efficiency, organization, and flexibility. Delivery Drivers will deliver bottled water and bagged salt to commercial and residential customers and must have knowledge or be willing to learn maintenance operations when not driving. Apply in person at 102 N 1st Street in Hoopeston or call us at 855-692-7824.

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SERVICES WANTED

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