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Denied by three courts, JCAR, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announces end of school mask mandate

After being denied by three levels of state courts and a legislative body, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Friday evening that his mandate requiring schoolchildren to wear masks is over. The change began Monday.

Pritzker's office announced early last month that the indoor mask mandate would end February 28, but that facial freedom did not extend to certain segments, including health care facilities, congregate settings, long term care facilities, daycares and schools.

Then, on February 4, Sangamon County Judge Raylene Grischow sided with school districts challenging the mandate, issuing a temporary restraining order not only on masks, but also mandated testing, vaccines and quarantine.

After the ruling, Pritzker's office said Attorney General Kwame Raoul would seek an expedited appeal from the Illinois Fourth District Appellate Court, while, at the same time, the Illinois Department of Public Health tried to reissue an emergency rule to again implement the mandates.

February 15, the 12-member Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) voted 9-0-2 against extending Pritzker's emergency rules enforcing state mask, vaccine and testing mandates. JCAR is a bipartisan committee with members chosen by General Assembly leadership.

On February 18, a three-judge panel in the Fourth District Appellate Court dismissed the appeal as moot, based on JCAR'S ruling. That prompted Pritzker's office to file

emergency motions with the Illinois Supreme Court, which, on Friday, declined to hear Pritzker's appeal to the earlier rulings.

Following Friday's ruling, Pritzker said the state would remove its school mask mandate Monday.

Throughout Covid, Pritzker has ruled by executive order, issuing 74 orders in 2020, starting in March of that year. Thirty-two executive orders were issued last year and, to date, five orders have been issued pertaining to the virus. Many of the orders extended previous orders past their expiration dates.

Masking continues where mandated at the federal level, such as public transit, such as airplanes and school buses, and in businesses, which mandate their use.



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2022 Skate Jam

Where: McFerren Park Civic Center, Hoopeston IL **Date:** Saturday, March 5th 2022

Time: Noon-10:00pm **Who:** The Entire Family **Cost:** \$5.00 cover @ door



What's Happening:

- 4 Bands (Noon-10pm)
- DJ Blaze (Noon-10pm)
- Bag Tournament (Sign-Ups @ 12pm and bags fly at 1:00pm)
- **Tru Skateboards** Team from Effingham IL will be presenting some demonstrations for the kids/adults 5pm-10pm
- Skate contests with giveaways and prizes 5pm-10pm
- Bounce Houses by Wear Em' Out
- Face Painting by Baby Blessings 3D-4D
- Vendors of all sorts will be setup for public shopping
- Variety of Food Choices to fill you up while you enjoy your evening!



All proceeds from this event will go to the The Hoopeston Skate Park Project ~ Contact April Jones 217-504-1335

This is an alcohol free event

Briefly

HAYB signups

Hoopeston Area Youth Baseball will hold their final signups this weekend. Registration will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and 11:30-1:30 p.m. Sunday at 112 Wine & Coffee Shop.

Bulk garbage

Bulk garbage day, for Hoopeston residents only, will be held from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hoopeston City Hall parking lot. Residents are limited to one load per bulk day.

Dinner and registration

Hoopeston Area Softball Association will host a chicken and noodle dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday at The

Legion Event Center, 502 E. Penn. Cost is \$10 per meal. Signups will be held at the dinner then, from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Hoopeston City Hall.

Registration will also be held on Sundays, March 13, 20 and 27 from 1-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, from 5-7 p.m., also at city hall.

Weather

Partly sunny today. High 53. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 32. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 55, low 29.

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

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston hair salon looking for a cosmetologist, nail tech and esthetician. 765-413-3062

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a fulltime position. Candidate must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or equivalent. Computer skills are necessary. Potential supervisory roll with proper training and licensing. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

City of Hoopeston Cemetery is seeking applicants for a seasonal position. Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications available at www.cityofhoopeston.com under the Services tab/Employment Opportunities or City Hall, 301 W Main St.

United Prairie-Hoopeston has opening this Spring for the following: CDL Drivers and Non-CDL. Please pick up applications at 18978 E 3850 North Rd Hoopeston, IL 60942. For more information please call 217/888-0164 or Manager Jordan Reese 217/918-2876.

Part-time office help needed. Approximately 25 hours a week and could possibly become full-time. Actual hours worked could be flexible. Bookkeeping and/or payroll experience helpful. Send a resume to Russell Leigh & Associates, 228 E Main St, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for the position of probationary police officer. Applications will be accepted until the testing date of April 2, 2022. Testing will begin at 10 a.m. April 2 at Hoopeston Area Middle School Library for the written test. The physical agility test will take place immediately after the written exam.

Silgan Containers is hiring for Press Line Mechanics. Please apply online at: <https://silgancontainers.mua.hrdepartment.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/12464/0>

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City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications will be ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

City of Hoopeston is accepting applications for a full time water department employee. Must have CDL or the ability to get one. Potential for eventual supervisory role with proper training and certification. Applications are available at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St., or at www.cityofhoopeston.com.

Teasdale Latin Foods is hiring for a new temporary position. Competitive pay, 5-6 hrs./day, five days a week. Great for retirees, college students or someone laid off looking to work part time. Apply in person or online: <https://teasdale-latin-foods.breezy.hr/>

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