Illinois schoolchildren got an unexpected vacation after Gov. JB Pritzker announced grade and high schools would be shuttered March 17-30, due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Many schools had already planned to be closed this week or next for spring break but the additional free days left parents scrambling to find childcare and school districts to implement online learning for their students.

The virus is also impacting health care facilities. On Thursday, Heritage Health announced that the facility was closed to all visitors as part of the COVID-19 precautions. The precautions are not for people who have the virus but are measures to help people lower their risk of contracting it.

Reports have indicated the coronavirus is more dangerous to people over 60 who have other underlying health issues, especially lung issues.

The Carle system including Carle Hoopeston have implemented COVID-19 screening procedures before patients and their visitors permitted in the hospital facility. All patients and visitors must use the main registration doors. Other entrances to Carle Hoopeston Regional Health Center will not be accessible during this time. Once at CHRHC, patients and visitors will be met by

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staff who will ask a series of screening questions. Masks will be provided to anyone displaying upper respiratory symptoms.

Outpatient procedures and routine diagnostic testing are being conducted as normal.

No cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Vermilion County. Illinois has 64 confirmed cases, predominately in Cook County. Last weekend, central Illinois had its first report of confirmed cases as four people - two men and two women - in Woodford, Cumberland and St. Clair counties, were diagnosed with COVID-19. All are in their 40s and 50s.

Over the weekend, area residents - along with those around the country - stocked up on supplies, especially toilet paper. Shelves at Hoopeston IGA and Dollar General were almost completely empty Saturday, while Olypic Hardware posted on Facebook that toilet paper was available there.

Obituaries

LONGFELLOW - Ronnie Guy “Hot Dog” “Pork” Longfellow, 72, of Hoopeston, died at 9:31 a.m. Thursday, March 12, 2020, in Hoopeston. He will be cremated. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. The family requests anyone who is ill refrain from attending. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston Animal Rescue Team, 901 W. Main St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

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Officially suggest people do a 2nd hand wash several times a day and disinfect hard surfaces frequently. Other suggestions including:
● Having at least a two-week supply of food and water for people and pets, as well as extra medication for flu-like symptoms, including fever reducers, as well as necessary prescription medications.
● Those who have respiratory symptoms should cough/sneeze in a tissue or their elbow and are asked to practice social distancing avoiding groups of people in places like school, work, church, funerals and other activities.

Weather


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