



City of Hoopeston

Emergency Management Agency

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CITY OF HOOPESTON DECLARES COVID-19 EMERGENCY – IMPLEMENTS STAGE III

The City of Hoopeston officially moved into Stage III of its COVID-19 response plan on Thursday, March 26, 2020 when a COVID-19 case was announced in Iroquois County which is within a 40-mile radius of Hoopeston. The Hoopeston City Council met on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 3:00 pm in an emergency meeting. During that meeting the city council passed a resolution declaring an emergency within the City of Hoopeston. What this means to the general public:

- City Hall will be closed to the public.
 - The drop box outside City Hall will remain available for placement of water payments and other city business.
 - Residents can call 283-5833 for payments over the phone or other questions. The City of Hoopeston website is still open for business and forms are available and payments can be made through the site.
 - Water shut offs will no longer occur during the duration of the emergency. Late fees will still be incurred on delinquent accounts.
 - The police department front window will be closed once an intercom system is installed outside City Hall.
- 2019 golf cart stickers will still be honored until May 1, 2020. Golf cart owners must still maintain insurance and equipment requirements as laid out in the ordinance.
- The Hoopeston Police Department will be handling more calls over the phone if possible. Officers will still respond to emergency calls as normal.

Additional steps of Stage III will be put in place as cases continue to grow and if a case is located within Hoopeston. The full text of the City of Hoopeston COVID-19 Response Plan can be found on the city website at <http://www.cityofhoopeston.com>.

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