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COVID-19 UPDATE



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Kathleen Gardner, of East Moline, receives a Moderna vaccine during a mass vaccination clinic at the Greater Quad City Auto Auction Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, in Milan.

Scott Co. cancels clinic

Rock Island County announces dose schedule

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It did not take long for the COVID-19 vaccine to get scarce in Scott County.

The Scott County Health Department announced Tuesday it

will not hold a public clinic for residents 65 and older Monday, Feb. 8.

"We did not receive an allocation this week of the type of vaccine used at our clinic," Scott County Health Department Director Ed Rivers said during Tuesday's Q-C COVID-19 Coalition press briefing. "The number of people eligible for vaccine in this phase is much larger than Phase 1A. As a consequence, the

demand for vaccine far exceeds the supply we or any other community is receiving so far.

"We had 500 doses available for yesterday's clinic, for an estimated population of over 25,000. Although it was anticipated, the demand caused our registration process to experience difficulties, and that caused much frustration. The enrollment process is now being evaluated and improved. We have a dedicated

IT team at Scott County who are working to ensure our site can handle the traffic in future enrollments."

Rivers reminded county residents during Phase 1B the health department is being asked by the Iowa Department of Public Health to split all vaccine received weekly between the 65-and-older age group and the

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Democrats, Trump state cases

Impeachment trial set for next week

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WASHINGTON — Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said Tuesday in making their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office. Trump denied the allegations through his lawyers and called the trial unconstitutional.

The dueling filings offer the first public glimpse of the arguments that will be presented to the Senate beginning next week. The impeachment trial represents a remarkable reckoning with the violence in the Capitol last month, which the senators witnessed firsthand, and with Trump's presidency overall. Held in the very chamber where the insurrectionists stood on Jan. 6, it will pit Democratic demands for a final measure of accountability against the desire of many Republicans to turn the page and move on.

The impeachment trial, Trump's second, begins in earnest on Feb. 9.

The Democratic legal brief forcefully linked Trump's baseless efforts to overturn the results of the presidential election to the deadly riot at the Capitol, saying he bears "unmistakable" blame for actions that threatened the

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Moline OKs records policy

Alderman alleges former employee destroyed files

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Moline Alderman Mike Wendt, Ward 3, is alleging former Finance Director Kathy Carr destroyed work documents from the city's computer server before her resignation nearly two years ago.

Carr denies any wrongdoing. To ensure city records are retained, council members on Tuesday approved an updated records retention policy.

In a Jan. 21 email, Wendt said he does not specifically know what was deleted, "but we do know that information was deleted because our current Finance Director Carol Barnes did not have access to some documents that I had provided to council in the past via email, yet they were removed from the servers."

"Further, it is my



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City of Moline's former Finance Director Kathy Carr at her Moline home, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2021.

understanding that Carol was told directly by Kathy Carr, the former finance director, that she deleted these working documents prior to leaving her position," Wendt said. "As I stated in my comments on council, I'm not saying there was anything

nefarious about this, but we clearly can't have our professional staff deleting work product done for the benefit of the residents of Moline, because it only leads to questions of why

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IOWA EDUCATION

Ban on open enrollment rejection approved

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DES MOINES — School districts with diversity plans would no longer be allowed to reject open enrollment requests from students who wish to attend a different public school under a proposal approved Tuesday by the Republican-led Iowa House.

The legislation approved Tuesday by the House was a standalone bill that targeted diversity plans.

Five Iowa school districts have diversity plans, including Davenport, Waterloo and Des Moines, the state's largest district.

Rep. Cindy Winckler, D-Davenport, said she was told by a Davenport school official that open enrollment out of the district has "slanted" toward upper income families. If the proposal became law, the official said, it would limit the district's ability to meet its diver-

sity goals.

"By eliminating the diversity plan, we eliminate options and opportunities our students have ... and the rich experience of diversity," Winckler said.

Rep. Phyllis Thede, D-Bettendorf, warned the bill would create "haves and the have-nots."

"We'll leave public schools less than," she said.

Estimated data for those districts show that in the 2020-21 school year there were more than 2,500 students who open enrolled out of Davenport (557), Waterloo (301), West Liberty (54), Postville (20) and Des Moines (1,639).

Not all applications to open enroll out of a district with a diversity plan are denied if it is offset by a student open enrolling into a district that matches the student's socioeconomic or

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