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The Highest Road Beef-a-Roo at 1680 N. Alpine Road in Rockford on June 26 was closed “for the foreseeable future” after managers said employees have not been paid for weeks. JEFF KOLKEY/ROCKFORD REGISTER STAR

## List of vaccines students need in IL

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Though the school year is still weeks away for most students in Illinois, it’s a good time to start preparing supplies, clothes and vaccinations.

Here’s a breakdown of which vaccinations are required for the 2026-2027 school year in Illinois.

### Illinois immunization requirements for preschool, early childhood programs

The following vaccines are required for children entering any child care facility, preschool, early childhood or pre-kindergarten programs in Illinois, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Additional details about specific intervals between vaccine doses can be found on the IDPH website.

- **DTP/DTaP:** Three doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis vaccine by 1 year of age, with an additional dose before the second birthday.
- **Polio:** Two doses by 1 year of age, with an additional dose before the second birthday (three doses by 3 years).
- **Measles:** One dose on or after the first birthday.
- **Rubella:** One dose on or after the first birthday.
- **Mumps:** One dose on or after the first birthday.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses on or after 24 weeks of age.
- **Haemophilus influenzae type b:** Proof of immunization complying with ACIP recommendations. No further dose needed if first dose was administered at 15 months or older.
- **Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (PCV):** Proof of immunization complying with ACIP recommendations. No further dose needed if first dose was administered at 15 months or older.

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## Beef-a-Roo employees say they are getting laid off

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Rockford Register Star  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Beef-a-Roo employees who haven’t been paid for weeks are saying they were notified the company is implementing a companywide layoff of all workers and closing its restaurants.

Phones at Rockford area Beef-a-Roos went unanswered July 8 and were not accepting voicemail messages. The Beef-a-Roo website does not appear to be working.

Most area stores had closed previously when employees had not been paid. However, the Freeport Beef-a-Roo continues to operate as an independently owned and operated franchise.

Shawna Smith who worked at the Beef-a-Roo in Macomb since December, said her general manager forwarded her a message from company

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**Shawna Smith**  
Who worked at the Beef-a-Roo in Macomb since December

human resources informing employees they were being laid off “due to severe financial constraints that made it impossible for the company to continue operations.”

The layoffs included company leadership. It’s unclear if the layoffs will affect only corporate operated stores or franchise stores as well. Some employees are also saying Beef-a-Roo

Inc., which was acquired by the Dallas-based private equity firm Elysian Capital in 2019, plans to file for bankruptcy.

“It’s wrong what they are doing. Everyone from all the stores have been affected tremendously from this,” Smith said during a phone interview. “If the bankruptcy thing is real, they are going to file for bankruptcy, and we are going to be out what we are owed. That doesn’t seem right to me. Someone needs to stand up and do something because corporate greed is a real thing.”

Elysian Capital CEO Jeff Love did not respond to an email seeking comment. Previously, company officials had said they were planning to sell the company that had been founded in Rockford by the DeBruler family in 1967.

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### THINGS TO DO

## 13 things to do this weekend in the Galesburg area

**Kathi Edwards**  
Special to the Galesburg Register-Mail  
USA TODAY NETWORK

The weekend brings an Altona Days, CASA Putts & Pubs and Bad Momz of Comedy, along with fundraisers, live music and more to the Galesburg area.

### Food Truck Friday

What: Grab dinner from food trucks, then take a stroll through local vendor booths featuring unique items and handmade goods. There will also be \$1 kids’ games and activities.

When: 5-8 p.m. July 10  
Where: 235 E. Simmons St., Galesburg  
Cost: Free admission

### Abingdon Road Knights Car Show

What: The Abingdon Road Knights host their 25th Annual Car Show rain or shine. Registration runs from 8 a.m. to noon. Judging is participant-based, and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Award categories include Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best of Show and Club Choice. The show features 19 classes. Food will be available on the grounds, provided by the Abingdon American Legion Post #381. Music and announcements will be handled by 3D Sound Company. A 50/50 drawing will be held, with proceeds benefiting the Hedding School lunch program.

When: 9 a.m. July 11  
Where: American Legion Post 381, 546 S.R. 41, Abingdon

Cost: \$15 entry fee

### Artisan and Antique Market

What: Shop a variety of products brought by vendors, including handcrafted items, upcycled items, vintage nostalgia and creative décor. Visit and feed the Alpacas and shop all things Alpaca in the store.

When: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. July 11  
Where: Heartland Creations Alpacas, 2512 Knox Road 500 East, Rio

### Intro to Geocaching

What: Get an introduction to a real-world outdoor treasure hunt with the whole family. The class is held outdoors at the Lakeside Nature Center Shelter,

with a nature walk through the woods, so dress for the weather.

When: 9:30-11 a.m. July 11  
Where: Lakeside Nature Center, 1033 S. Lake Storey Road, Galesburg  
Cost: Free

### Summer Flower Festival

What: This summer grand opening event includes a summer flower u-pick with more than 1,500 square feet of flowers, photo opportunities throughout the farm and flowers, a full menu from The Eatery, a curated selection of local vendors and music by local musicians. Vendors may or may not take payment methods other than cash.

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