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Rock Island County Health Department reports fourth COVID-19 case

A man in his 60s has tested positive for COVID-19 and is the fourth official case in Rock Island County. He is being treated in a local hospital. No additional information regarding this case is available due to federal privacy laws.

“We are seeing more cases in Rock Island County, which is what expect,” said Nita Ludwig, public health administrator in Rock Island County. “We all must do our duty and stay home and socially distance ourselves when we must go out for supplies or go to work.”

We continue to encourage you to help us to drive home the recommendations about social distancing. While many of the public places where we find ourselves are not open, we still all need to do our part to minimize the spread of illness.

Please help us all by:

- Social distancing by staying at home as much as possible.
- Keeping at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time and using hand sanitizer when washing your hands is not possible.
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your elbow.
- Staying home when you are ill.

If you think you may need to seek healthcare, **call first**. Your provider can assess whether you need to be seen in the office or whether you can recover at home.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit the Rock Island Health Department webpage at www.richd.org and the IDPH webpage at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>

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