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Rock Island County Health Department reports second COVID-19 death

The Rock Island County Health Department is reporting the death of a second COVID-19 patient in the county. The patient was a woman in her 70s who had been hospitalized.

“We offer our deepest sympathies to this woman’s family and friends,” Nita Ludwig, RICHD administrator, said. “This virus is very dangerous to older people and people who have underlying health concerns. We implore everyone to stay at home — including those who do not feel ill — to give our vulnerable residents the best chance not to get sick.”

The health department also is reporting 13 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total cases to 73. In addition, five patients who previously have been announced remain hospitalized. The new cases are:

- A man in his 30s who is isolating at home
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- A woman in her 60s who is isolating at home
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- A woman in her 50s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 70s who is isolating at home

No additional information regarding these cases is available due to federal privacy laws.

We continue to encourage you to help us to drive home the recommendations about social distancing. 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.

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