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2 more people test positive for COVID-19 in Rock Island County

The Rock Island County Health Department reports two new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 565. The county's death toll from this virus stands at 18.

"We caution anyone about thinking this lower number is the beginning of a trend," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. "It simply could be an anomaly due to reduced weekend staffing."

The new cases are:

- A woman in her 60s who is isolating at home
- A woman in her 40s who is isolating at home

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

We all must continue to do our part to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Staying 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
- Wearing a face covering when you must go out for essential supplies
- Staying home when you are ill

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