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1 person dies from COVID-19, 6 more test positive in Rock Island County

The Rock Island County Health Department is reporting the death of a woman in her 60s who had been hospitalized for COVID-19. Her death is the 20th in the county from this virus.

“We are saddened that another Rock Island County resident has died from COVID-19,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “We urge Quad-City residents to stay home as much as possible, wear a facial covering when you have to go out and wash your hands frequently. Our most vulnerable residents are depending on you to do your part to keep all of us as safe as possible.”

In addition, the health department is reporting an additional six cases of COVID-19, cases, bringing the total number to 627.

The new cases are:

- A woman in her 60s who is isolating at home
- A woman in her 40s who is isolating at home
- A woman in her 20s who is isolating at home
- A woman in her 20s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 50s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 30s 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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