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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 14 new COVID-19 cases**

The Rock Island County Health Department is reporting a death due to COVID-19 of a man in his 90s who had been isolating at home. His death is the 21<sup>st</sup> in the county due to the virus.

“We are sorry to report another death due to COVID-19,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “We all are vulnerable to contracting this deadly virus. To protect yourself and others, please stay home as much as possible, wear a face covering and practice social distancing when going out for food and essential supplies, and wash your hands frequently.”

In addition, the health department is reporting 14 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 641. Currently, 15 patients are hospitalized.

The new cases are:

- A man in his 70s who is being treated in a hospital
- A man in his 60s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 40s who is isolating at home
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- A man in his 30s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 20s who is isolating at home
- A man in his 20s who is isolating at home
- A male infant younger than 1 who is isolating at home
- A woman in her 90s who is isolating at home
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- A woman in her 70s who is isolating at home
- 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.

Remember, you control how you respond to COVID-19:

- Stay home as much as possible and especially when ill
- Keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your elbow
- Wear a face covering when you must go out for essential supplies

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