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Rock Island County Health Department reports 40 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 40 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 2,789. Of today's total, 16 are associated with an outbreak at a long-term care facility. Currently, 17 patients are hospitalized in Rock Island County. The number of deaths from this virus stands at 74.

"We are seeing higher case counts in recent days, which could be associated with Labor Day gatherings," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. "We have seen jumps in cases after every summer holiday this year.

"If you believe you have been exposed or know that you attended a gathering without taking proper precautions, please get tested," she said. "There is a state-run testing site open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day through Sunday at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island. Any Illinois resident regardless of symptoms can get a free test at the site. You may be asked to provide your insurance card."

The new cases are:

- 1 man in his 90s
- 2 men in their 80s
- 2 men in their 70s
- 5 men in their 60s
- 1 man in his 50s
- 1 man in his 30s
- 2 men in their 20s
- 1 boy younger than 13
- 1 boy infant younger than 1
- 1 woman in her 100s
- 1 woman in her 90s
- 1 woman in her 80s
- 4 women in their 70s
- 6 women in their 60s
- 2 women in their 50s
- 5 women in their 40s
- 3 women in their 20s
- 1 girl in her teens

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:

- Washing your hands frequently
- Watching your distance Keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Wearing a face covering when you must go out

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