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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 45 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 45 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 3,698. Currently, 27 patients are hospitalized, which ties our all-time high for COVID-19 hospitalizations. We last reached 27 on Oct. 7.

“We are very worried about the rapidly rising case counts and the number of people needing critical hospital resources, both in Rock Island County and throughout the Quad Cities,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “This last week, both hospital systems sounded the alarm that we are nearing a stress point for hospital resources.

“We must reduce the number of new infections in the community now. The only tools we have to do that are wearing a mask, keeping at least 6 feet between you and others and washing your hands frequently. Your individual actions have an impact on their entire community,” she said.

The new cases are:

- 1 woman in her 90s
- 4 women in their 70s
- 7 women in their 60s
- 1 woman in her 50s
- 4 women in their 40s
- 2 women in their 30s
- 5 women in their 20s
- 1 woman in her teens
- 2 girls younger than 13
- 3 men in their 70s
- 1 man in his 60s
- 2 men in their 50s
- 4 men in their 40s
- 4 men in their 20s
- 1 boy in his teens
- 2 boys younger than 13
- 1 male infant younger than 1

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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