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## Rock Island County Health Department reports record 150 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 150 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 5,502. Currently, 50 patients are hospitalized in the county. Both the number of cases and the hospitalizations are all-time highs during the pandemic. The death toll from this virus remains at 109.

"These numbers are scary," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. "Even scarier is that so many recent cases are serious and require hospitalizations. We've said all along that you won't know how your body will react to the virus until you get it. It's too late then.

"You heard our hospital systems last week talk about how their resources are stretched to the limit. We are worried that our community won't be able to care for our critically ill patients and that regional hospitals won't be able to take our overflow.

"We are at a critical junction. Please do your part to keep the virus from spreading even further by staying home as much as possible, limiting interaction with people outside of your household, wearing a mask when you must go out, keeping 6 feet between you and others, and washing your hands frequently. These are our only tools to contain the virus and to give our hospital systems the best chance to care for anyone who needs medical assistance."

The new cases are:

- 5 women in their 80s
- 2 women in their 70s
- 12 women in their 60s
- 7 women in their 50s
- 10 women in their 40s
- 11 women in their 30s
- 19 women in their 20s
- 3 women in their teens
- 2 girls in their teens
- 8 girls younger than 13
- 1 girl infant 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 3 men in their 80s
- 4 men in their 70s
- 10 men in their 60s
- 7 men in their 50s
- 9 men in their 40s
- 12 men in their 30s
- 12 men in their 20s

- 2 men in their teens
- 4 boys in their teens
- 4 boys younger than 13
- 2 boy infants 1 or younger

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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