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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 4 additional deaths, record 291 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department is reporting four deaths from COVID-19: a man in his 80s who had been hospitalized; a woman in her 90s who had been living in a long-term care facility; a woman in her 80s who had been living in a long-term care facility; and a woman in her 80s who had been hospitalized. The number of deaths in the county from this virus is now 115.

“We send our sincere sympathies to the families and friends of these Rock Island County residents,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer at the Rock Island County Health Department.

“Deaths are a lagging indicator of rampant COVID-19 infection in our community,” Hill said. “With the number of cases surging since September, we are bracing for an increasing number of deaths. Not everyone who contracts COVID-19 will die, thankfully, but many who do will suffer through a terrible illness with long-term health effects and long hospital stays.”

In addition, the Rock Island County Health Department reports a record 291 COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 6,396. Currently, 65 patients are hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County, which is another all-time high.

“Our Quad-City hospitals are near capacity,” Hill said. “We must act now. Each one of us has the power to slow down the number of people who are getting sick. We all must wear masks because they work. We all must cancel gatherings at home, at bars and restaurants, and places of worship and reception halls. We all must stay at home as much as possible and only leave to gather essential items or go to work. We all must isolate when we are sick. And if you are told that you must quarantine by your medical provider or your local health department, you must stay home for the entire time.

“The personal and economic health of our community depends on every single person doing his or her best to stop this wave of infection.”

The new cases are:

- 1 woman in 100 or older
- 15 women in their 90s
- 13 women in their 80s
- 11 women in their 70s
- 12 women in their 60s
- 28 women in their 50s
- 26 women in their 40s
- 23 women in their 30s
- 28 women in their 20s
- 4 women in their teens
- 8 girls in their teens
- 5 girls younger than 13

- 5 men in their 90s
- 9 men in their 80s
- 12 men in their 70s
- 14 men in their 60s
- 26 men in their 50s
- 14 men in their 40s
- 12 men in their 30s
- 11 men in their 20s
- 3 men in their teens
- 5 boys in their teens
- 6 boys younger than 13

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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