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**Rock Island County reports 1 death, 19 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports one additional death of a county resident from COVID-19: a man in his 70s who had been hospitalized. The total number of deaths from this virus is now 258.

“We send our sincere condolences to this man’s loved ones,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 19 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 10,966. cases. Currently, 37 patients are hospitalized in the county.

The new cases:

- 2 men in their 70s
- 4 men in their 50s
- 3 men in their 30s
- 2 men in their 20s
- 1 boy in his teens
- 1 woman in her 90s
- 2 women in their 60s
- 1 woman in her 50s
- 1 woman in her 40s
- 1 woman in her 20s
- 1 girl in her teens

No additional information regarding these cases is available due to federal privacy laws.

“As happy as we are to see this lower number of cases, we believe it has more to do with reduced testing over the holiday season locally and throughout the state,” Ludwig said. “We are hopeful, however, as more people gain access to the vaccine that we will see lower cases counts regularly. In the meantime, please continue to take the same public health precautions we’ve been talking about for almost a year.”

We all must continue to do our part to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Staying home as much as possible and especially when you are sick
- Wearing a face covering when you must go out
- Watching your distance. Keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Washing your hands frequently

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