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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 2 deaths, 8 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department is reporting two COVID-19 deaths: a woman in her 90s and a woman in her 80s, both of whom had been hospitalized. The number of deaths in Rock Island County from this virus is now 304.

“We offer our sincere sympathies to their families and friends,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department is reporting eight new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 12,792. Currently, 19 patients are hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County.

The new cases are:

- 2 women in their 70s
- 1 woman in her 50s
- 1 woman in her 40s
- 2 men in their 50s
- 1 man in his 30s
- 1 boy younger than 13

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

Remember, you control how you respond to COVID-19:

- Stay home as much as possible and especially when ill
- Wear a face covering when you must go out for essential supplies
- Keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer
- Take the vaccine when it becomes available to you

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