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Rock Island County Health Department reports 41 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 41 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 13,329. Currently, 15 patients are hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County. The number of deaths from this virus stands at 306.

“We are very worried about the rapidly rising cases this week,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “Getting the vaccine is a critical tool in the fight against COVID-19, and we urge you to get it as soon as it is available to you. However, at the same time, we all must control the spread of virus by continuing to wear masks, avoiding large crowds, keeping 6 feet between you and others in public, getting tested, and staying home when you are sick. After more than a year of dealing with the pandemic, we can’t slide backward when the end is within reach.”

The average age of people who tested positive in today’s report is 30.

“This young age signals that unvaccinated people are gathering and not taking precautions to prevent the spread of the virus,” Ludwig said. “At least four more-contagious variants are circulating in Illinois. We must control the spread of these variants while public health works to vaccinate everyone who is eligible.”

Because of this rising case count, the Illinois Department of Public Health put Rock Island County in warning status. At this point, no additional public health mitigations will be put in place. Mitigations are instituted at the regional level. Region 2 currently meets Restore Illinois guidelines to remain in Phase 4.

The new cases are:

- 3 women in their 60s
- 1 woman in her 50s
- 2 women in their 40s
- 3 women in their 30s
- 8 women in their 20s
- 1 woman in her teens
- 4 girls in their teens
- 2 girls younger than 13
- 2 men in their 60s
- 1 man in his 50s
- 1 man in his 40s
- 3 men in their 30s
- 5 men in their 20s
- 3 men in their teens
- 1 boy in his teens
- 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 whatever vaccine that becomes available to you

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