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### **Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 36 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports the COVID-19 death of a woman in her 70s who had been hospitalized. The total number of deaths in Rock Island County from this virus is now 310.

"We send our heartfelt sympathies to her family and friends," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 36 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total to 13,675. Currently, 24 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus.

"Unfortunately, we have seen rising cases over the last several weeks. While we are in the middle of a massive vaccination push, we are not out of the pandemic," Ludwig said. "Vaccines are an important tool in our fight against the virus, but we all must continue to wear masks in public and not gather in groups of nonvaccinated people. Most importantly, please get vaccinated as soon as possible. Everyone age 16 and older is now eligible for the vaccine."

Note: only the Pfizer vaccine is authorized for 16- and 17-year-olds. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines only have emergency use authorization from the FDA for people 18 and older.

The new cases are:

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

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:

- 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
- Taking whatever vaccine that is offered to you

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