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Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death; 95 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports an additional death from COVID-19: a man in his 60s who had been hospitalized. The total number of deaths is 344 since the start of the pandemic.

“We offer our sincere condolences to the loved ones of this man,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer and public information officer of the Rock Island County Health Department. “We have seen an uptick of deaths — 11 Rock Island County residents have died in August and September from COVID-19. Two of those residents were in their 30s and 20s.

“Someone usually doesn’t die quickly from this disease. A seriously ill patient often will suffer in the hospital for days or even weeks,” Hill said. “Vaccination remains our best tool to bring down the number of infections, protect those who can’t be vaccinated because they are younger than 12, and end the pandemic.” Hill said.

The health department also reports 95 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 17,219. Currently, 41 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 37.

The new cases are

- 2 women in their 80s
- 2 women in their 70s
- 6 women in their 60s
- 5 women in their 50s
- 9 women in their 40s
- 7 women in their 30s
- 6 women in their 20s
- 3 women in their teens
- 5 girls in their teens
- 5 girls younger than 13
- 2 men in their 80s
- 2 men in their 70s
- 8 men in their 60s
- 4 men in their 50s
- 4 men in their 40s
- 4 men in their 30s
- 8 men in their 20s
- 2 boys in their teens
- 11 boys younger than 13

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

We all must continue to work to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Getting vaccinated as soon as you can. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find your shot. RICHD offers walk-in vaccines on Tuesdays (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) and Fridays (Pfizer). The hours for both days are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.
- Staying home when you are sick.
- Wearing a face covering. A mandate from Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker requires that everyone 2 and older wear a mask in public indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC recommends that everyone age 2 and older wear a mask in counties of high or substantial transmission, which includes almost every county in the country.
- Keeping 6 feet of physical distance from others in public if you have not been fully vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently.

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