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### **Rock Island County Health Department reports 6 deaths, 72 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports six additional deaths from COVID-19:

- a woman in her 60s who was hospitalized
- a woman in her 50s who was hospitalized
- a woman in her 70s who died at home
- a man in his 70s who was hospitalized
- a man in his 40s who was hospitalized
- a man in his 70s who died in a long-term-care facility

The total number of deaths in Rock Island County is now 350.

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

“Throughout the waves of this pandemic, we have seen a pattern of surging cases followed a few weeks later by rising deaths,” she said. “Most people who die from this virus have not been vaccinated. Our three widely available vaccines are highly protective against serious illness and death.”

The health department also reports 72 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 17,515. Currently, 39 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 37.

The new cases are

- 1 woman in her 80s
- 2 women in their 70s
- 3 women in their 60s
- 6 women in their 50s
- 5 woman in her 40s
- 10 women in their 30s
- 1 woman in her 20s
- 1 woman in her teens
- 3 girls in their teens
- 4 girls younger than 13
- 1 girl infant 1 or younger
- 2 men in their 80s
- 3 men in their 70s
- 5 men in their 60s
- 4 men in their 50s

- 2 men in their 40s
- 6 men in their 20s
- 1 man in his teens
- 4 boys in their teens
- 7 boys younger than 13
- 1 boy infant 1 or younger

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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