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## Rock Island County Health Department reports 2 deaths, 93 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports two deaths from COVID-19: a man in his 50s who passed away at home, and a man in his 60s who had been living in a long-term care facility. The total number of deaths is now 354.

"We offer our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of both of these residents," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

The health department also reports 93 new cases of COVID-19 since Wednesday. The total number of cases is now 17,880. Currently, 39 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 41.

## The new cases are

- 1 woman in her 80s
- 7 women in their 70s
- 5 women in their 60s
- 3 women in their 50s
- 10 women in their 40s
- 7 women in their 30s
- 10 women in their 20s
- 2 women in their teens
- 3 girls in their teens
- 4 girls younger than 13
- 2 girl infants 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 2 men in their 80s
- 2 men in their 70s
- 3 men in their 60s
- 8 men in their 50s
- 7 men in their 40s
- 4 men in their 30s
- 6 men in their 20s
- 2 boys in their teens
- 4 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 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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