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Rock Island County Health Department reports 3 deaths, 131 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports three additional deaths from COVID-19: a woman in her 60s and a man in his 40s, both of whom were hospitalized; and a man in his 90s who was living in a long-term-care facility. The total number of deaths is now 362.

“We send our heartfelt sympathies to their loved ones,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “September and October have been tough months for COVID-19 deaths in Rock Island County. Since Sept. 1, 23 residents have died.”

Health department data show the overall average age of a Rock Island County patient who died from COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic is 78. Since Sept. 1, the average age has lowered to 66.

“This shows that the vaccines work in preventing most serious illness and death. For people 65 and older, the county’s vaccination rate is 75.9%, and we are seeing fewer people older than 65 die,” Ludwig said. “Sadly, we are seeing more people younger than 64 die because they are not as likely to be vaccinated. Of people ages 18-64, only 58% are fully vaccinated in Rock Island County. We urge everyone 12 and older to get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

In addition, the health department reports 131 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Friday. The total number of cases is now 18,292. Currently, 39 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 34.

The new cases are

- 2 women in their 80s
- 2 women in their 70s
- 5 women in their 60s
- 10 women in their 50s
- 7 women in their 40s
- 12 women in their 30s
- 13 women in their 20s
- 3 women in their teens
- 4 girls in their teens
- 11 girls younger than 13
- 1 man in his 80s
- 1 man in his 70s
- 5 men in their 60s
- 5 men in their 50s
- 12 men in their 40s
- 12 men in their 30s
- 8 men in their 20s

- 5 boys in their teens
- 10 boys younger than 13
- 3 boy infants 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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