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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 118 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports one COVID-19 death: a man in his 70s who had been hospitalized. The total number of deaths is now 379.

“We send heartfelt condolences to his family and friends,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator, of the Rock Island County Health Department.

The health department also reports 118 cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Monday. The total number of cases is 19,701. Currently, 28 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 70s
- 4 women in their 60s
- 11 women in their 50s
- 9 women in their 40s
- 10 women in their 30s
- 11 women in their 20s
- 1 woman in her teens
- 7 girls in her teens
- 9 girls younger than 13
- 1 man in his 80s
- 4 men in their 70s
- 2 men in their 60s
- 6 men in their 50s
- 6 men in their 40s
- 8 men in their 30s
- 10 men in their 20s
- 1 man in his teens
- 3 boys in their teens
- 13 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. Boosters or third doses for immunocompromised people are available on the same day as first and second doses. We offer vaccines for children ages 5-11

by appointment on Fridays. Watch the health department's Facebook page and website for links to sign up for an appointment. Many of our healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccines for children.

- 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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