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Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 166 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 383.

“We send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer and public information officer of the Rock Island County Health Department.

The health department also reports 166 cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Friday. The total number of cases is 20,009. Currently, 25 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 32.

“We crossed a grim milestone today, with more than 20,000 Rock Island County residents contracting COVID-19, and hospitalizations remain high,” Hill said. “As we prepare to gather with loved ones this week for Thanksgiving, please remember that we still are in a pandemic. Our best tool against getting sick is vaccination with one of three highly effective and readily available vaccines.”

Testing is another way to help protect those you love. Testing to see if you are positive for COVID-19 — and staying home if you are — can prevent spreading the virus, she said.

“Vaccination and testing are acts of love for your family and friends, especially those who are older or have health conditions that put them at higher risk of hospitalization and death,” Hill said. “Thanksgiving guests who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask and put physical distance between themselves and others to prevent spreading the virus around the table.”

The Illinois Department of Public Health is recommending anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We do Moderna and Johnson & Johnson on Tuesdays and Pfizer on Friday. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. both days. No appointments are needed. The health department is closed Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, this week.

The new cases are

- 3 women in their 80s
- 1 woman in her 70s
- 6 women in their 60s
- 8 women in their 50s
- 14 women in their 40s
- 19 women in their 30s
- 15 women in their 20s
- 3 women in their teens

- 5 girls in their teens
- 17 girls younger than 13
- 1 girl infant 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 80s
- 3 men in their 70s
- 4 men in their 60s
- 10 men in their 50s
- 4 men in their 40s
- 11 men in their 30s
- 12 men in their 20s
- 3 men in their teens
- 7 boys in their teens
- 18 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. 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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