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Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 876 COVID cases, record number in hospital

The Rock Island County Health Department reports one COVID-19 death: a woman in her 90s who died in a long-term-care facility. The total number of deaths is now 427.

“We offer our sincere sympathy to her loved ones,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 876 new cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Friday. The total number of cases is now 26,222. The average age is 36. There are a record 102 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County. The previous high was 92, set on Nov. 23, 2020.

“The number of cases is very high, but the surge in hospitalizations is shocking,” Ludwig said. “Cases severe enough to need hospital resources are preventable by getting vaccinated and getting boosted. We know that both the Omicron and Delta variants are highly contagious, but vaccines and boosters drastically reduce the severity of illness in people who become sick. Please get whichever dose of the vaccine you need as soon as possible. Pfizer and Moderna boosters are available 5 months after the second dose and Johnson & Johnson after 2 months.”

The health department offers twice-a-week walk-in vaccination clinics for those 12 and older: Tuesdays (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for 18 and older) and Fridays (Pfizer for 12 and older). 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.

Appointments for Jan. 14’s pediatric Pfizer clinic for children ages 5-11 will be available through a link on the health department’s Facebook page on Jan. 12.

Healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccinations for both children and adults. Visit vaccines.gov to find your shot. You can search by brand and by distance.

The new cases are

- 7 women in their 90s
- 6 women in their 80s
- 13 women in their 70s
- 33 women in their 60s
- 70 women in their 50s
- 85 women in their 40s
- 83 women in their 30s
- 81 women in their 20s
- 14 women in their teens
- 34 girls in their teens
- 56 girls younger than 13
- 9 girl infants 1 or younger

- 1 man in his 90s
- 5 men in their 80s
- 9 men in their 70s
- 29 men in their 60s
- 63 men in their 50s
- 62 men in their 40s
- 60 men in their 30s
- 57 men in their 20s
- 12 men in their teens
- 11 men in their teens
- 21 men in their teens
- 44 boys younger than 13
- 11 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 or boosted as soon as you can. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find your shot. RICH D 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. Our next available pediatric clinic is Jan. 14. The link to sign up for the pediatric clinic will be posted on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Jan. 12.
- Staying home when you are sick and when you are awaiting test results.
- 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.
- Washing your hands frequently.

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