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### Rock Island County Health Department reports 5 deaths, 703 COVID cases

The Rock Island County Health Department reports five COVID-19 deaths: a woman in her 60s, a man in his 70s, a man in his 80s, and two men in their 90s, all of whom had been hospitalized. The total number of deaths is now 433.

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

In addition, the health department reports 703 new cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Wednesday. The total number of cases is now 27,475. The average age is 33. There are 91 hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County.

Today is the last case count report the health department will issue in this format. Starting Friday, Jan. 21 and continuing each Friday, we will report numbers of positive cases for the week, total hospitalizations on the date of the report, and total deaths. Over-the-counter COVID-19 test results are not reported to the Illinois Department of Public Health’s disease reporting system; therefore, the prevalence of disease in our community is underreported by our case count public releases. COVID-19 data is available from both the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at these links:

<https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/data.html>

[https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list\\_select\\_state=Illinois&data-type=Risk&list\\_select\\_county=17161](https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=Illinois&data-type=Risk&list_select_county=17161)

“The state of Illinois reported more than 207,000 cases this week, and that doesn’t include the ones where patients took home tests,” Ludwig said. “We know that the virus is rampant in every county in the United States, not just Rock Island County.

“The most important messages at this time are to wear a mask in public, stay home when you are sick, seek healthcare resources if you become sicker, and get vaccinated as soon as possible. Plus, if it’s been five months since your second Pfizer or Moderna dose or two months since your Johnson & Johnson dose, get boosted. Everyone 5 and older must get vaccinated so we can end this pandemic.”

To help get more children vaccinated, the health department will offer a special Pfizer clinic this Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages 5-17 for all doses, including boosters for children 12 and older who received their second dose at least five months ago. Children who recently tested positive for COVID-19 should be vaccinated 10 days after the onset of symptoms.

All health department vaccination clinics now are available on a walk-in basis, with no appointments needed: Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine (18 and older) on Tuesdays and the Pfizer vaccine (12 and older and ages 5-11) on Fridays. Hours for all clinics are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

Healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccinations for both children and adults. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find your shot. You can search by brand and by distance.

The new cases are

- 5 women in their 90s
- 3 women in their 80s
- 10 women in their 70s
- 31 women in their 60s
- 47 women in their 50s
- 60 women in their 40s
- 60 women in their 30s
- 62 women in their 20s
- 14 women in their teens
- 35 girls in their teens
- 47 girls younger than 13
- 12 girl infants 1 or younger
- 2 men in their 80s
- 12 men in their 70s
- 30 men in their 60s
- 32 men in their 50s
- 50 men in their 40s
- 44 men in their 30s
- 39 men in their 20s
- 6 men in their teens
- 34 boys in their teens
- 62 boys younger than 13
- 6 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://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.
- 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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