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Rock Island County Health Department reports 17 new cases of COVID-19 in 6 days

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 17 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on July 6. The total number of cases is 15,027. Currently, one patient is hospitalized in the county with the virus. The number of deaths remains at 333.

The average age of the newly infected people is 33. Vaccination rates across the Quad Cities are high in the 65 and older population, but they are lagging locally and nationally in the 20-50 age bracket, said Janet Hill, chief operating officer of the Rock Island County Health Department. In total, 52% of eligible Quad Citians age 12 and older have been fully vaccinated.

“Vaccination is our best tool to end this pandemic. We need more people to do their part and get vaccinated so we can reduce the very real chance of a spike in cases as the highly contagious Delta variant becomes a bigger threat locally,” Hill said. “We already are seeing cases rising quickly in Illinois and Iowa counties that border Missouri, where the Delta variant is raging because of low vaccination rates in those areas.”

The new cases are:

- 1 woman in her 60s
- 2 women in their 40s
- 2 women in their 30s
- 5 women in their 20s
- 1 girl younger than 13
- 1 man in his 70s
- 3 men in their 40s
- 1 man in his 20s
- 1 boy 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.
- Staying home when you are sick
- Wearing a face covering if you have not been fully vaccinated
- 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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