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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 28 new cases of COVID-19 in a week**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 28 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on July 12. The total number of cases is now 15,055. Currently, three patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The number of deaths remains at 333. The average age of the newly infected people is 34.

The new cases are:

- 3 women in their 50s
- 3 women in their 40s
- 5 women in their 30s
- 2 women in their 20s
- 1 woman in her teens
- 1 girl in her teens
- 5 men in their 50s
- 1 man in his 40s
- 3 men in their 20s
- 1 boy in his teens
- 2 boys younger than 13
- 1 boy infant 1 or younger

“Almost everyone getting sick now are those who have chosen not to use the best tools we have to fight this pandemic,” said Janet Hill, public information officer of the Rock Island County Health Department. “The three widely available vaccines offer excellent protection against this virus. We are seeing upticks in positivity rates and case counts in places with low vaccination rates.”

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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