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Rock Island County Health Department reports 63 new cases of COVID-19 in a week

The Rock Island County Health Department reports 63 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on July 19. The total number of cases is now 15,118. Currently, four patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The number of deaths remains at 333.

The week-over-week increase is 125%. The average age of the newly infected people is 30.

“We now are fighting a pandemic of the unvaccinated,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “Almost every person who has gotten sick with COVID-19 recently has been eligible to be vaccinated for months. The Delta variant is much more contagious than previous versions of the virus. However, the vaccines are proving highly effective in protecting everyone 12 and older who has been vaccinated.”

The health department continues to hold vaccination clinics twice a week: Tuesdays for Moderna and Johnson & Johnson and Fridays for Pfizer. The hours for both days are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.

“The good news is that we are seeing more people coming into our twice-weekly clinics to get their first dose of protection,” Ludwig said.

Anyone vaccinated June 4 or later at clinics held at the health department is entered into a drawing for a four-pack of tickets to Six Flags Great America amusement park in suburban Chicago. Two winners will be announced each week until tickets run out.

Because of rapidly rising case counts, the health department will issue case count media releases each Monday, Wednesday and Friday until further notice.

The new cases are:

- 1 man in his 80s
- 2 men in their 70s
- 1 man in his 60s
- 2 men in their 50s
- 5 men in their 40s
- 8 men in their 30s
- 3 men in their 20s
- 3 men in their teens
- 4 boys in their teens
- 4 boys younger than 13
- 1 boy infant 1 or younger
- 1 woman in her 60s

- 4 women in their 50s
- 3 women in their 40s
- 4 women in their 30s
- 6 women in their 20s
- 5 girls in their teens
- 6 girls 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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