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Rock Island County Health Department reports 2 deaths, 95 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports two additional deaths from COVID-19: a woman in her 40s and a man in his 70s, both of whom were hospitalized. The total number of deaths is now 356.

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

“Since Labor Day, we have lost 14 Rock Island County residents,” she said. “Most alarmingly, the average age of these residents is 62, which is 16 years younger than life expectancy in our county. All three of our widely available vaccines are highly effective at preventing serious illness and death. Please get vaccinated as soon as possible.”

The health department also reports 95 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 18,067. Currently, 41 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 38.

The new cases are

- 1 woman in her 70s
- 5 women in their 60s
- 5 women in their 50s
- 10 women in their 40s
- 12 women in their 30s
- 5 women in their 20s
- 7 girls in their teens
- 6 girls younger than 13
- 3 men in their 80s
- 3 men in their 70s
- 6 men in their 60s
- 5 men in their 50s
- 6 men in their 40s
- 8 men in their 30s
- 5 men in their 20s
- 1 boy in his teens
- 5 boys younger than 13
- 2 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 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. 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 if you have not been fully vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently.

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