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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 6 deaths, 213 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports six COVID-19 deaths: a man in his 90s, a man in his 80s and a woman in her 70s, all of whom died in a long-term-care facility; and a man in his 90s and two men in their 80s, all of whom died at home. The total number of deaths is now 400.

“We are saddened to report these deaths and to hit the grim milestone of 400 since the start of the pandemic,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “We send our deepest sympathies to their loved ones.”

In addition, the health department reports 213 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Monday. The total number of cases now is 21,866. Currently, 63 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 36.

The new cases are

- 2 women in their 80s
- 6 women in their 70s
- 10 women in their 60s
- 11 women in their 50s
- 19 women in their 40s
- 18 women in their 30s
- 13 women in their 20s
- 2 women in their teens
- 14 girls in their teens
- 15 girls younger than 13
- 3 girl infants 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 1 man in his 80s
- 3 men in their 70s
- 20 men in their 60s
- 7 men in their 50s
- 16 men in their 40s
- 13 men in their 30s
- 10 men in their 20s
- 2 men in their teens
- 10 boys in their teens
- 16 boys younger than 13
- 1 boy infant 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. Boosters or third doses for immunocompromised people are available on the same day as first and second doses. We offer vaccines for children ages 5-11 by appointment on Fridays. Pediatric clinics are full until Dec. 17. The link for the Dec. 17 clinic will be posted at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 on the health department's Facebook page. Many of our healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccines for children.

- 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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