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Rock Island County Health Department reports 5 deaths, 266 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports five COVID-19 death: a man in his 50s, a woman in her 70s, and a woman in her 80s, all of whom were hospitalized; a woman in her 80s who died in a long-term-care facility; and a woman in her 90s who died at home. The total number of deaths is now 405.

“We send our sincere sympathies to their loved ones,” said Janet Hill, chief operating officer and public health officer of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 266 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Wednesday. The total number of cases now is 22,132. Currently, 59 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 32.

“We’re seeing a huge surge in cases and hospitalizations,” Hill said. “We need your help. Please wear a mask in public places, even if you have been vaccinated. Get vaccinated or boosted as quickly as possible. You can find your shot at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). Vaccine supply is plentiful for all doses.

“Our hospital ICUs and beds are full. Vaccination, masking, testing, quarantining/isolating, and social and physical distancing are our only tools to prevent more infection and keep our hospital resources available for all emergency needs, not just COVID-19,” Hill said.

The new cases are

- 3 women in their 80s
- 7 women in their 70s
- 8 women in their 60s
- 17 women in their 50s
- 19 women in their 40s
- 22 women in their 30s
- 20 women in their 20s
- 3 women in their teens
- 15 girls in their teens
- 25 girls younger than 13
- 3 girl infants 1 or younger
- 3 men in their 80s
- 5 men in their 70s
- 6 men in their 60s
- 9 men in their 50s
- 20 men in their 40s
- 9 men in their 30s
- 27 men in their 20s
- 5 men in their teens
- 17 boys in their teens
- 18 boys younger than 13
- 5 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. 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. Our next available pediatric clinic is Jan. 7. Signup information will be available after the New Year's holiday. 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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