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Rock Island County Health Department reports 3 deaths, 354 new cases of COVID-19.

The Rock Island County Health Department reports three COVID-19 deaths: a woman in her 80s who was in long-term care, a man in his 80s who passed away at home, and a man in his 50s who was hospitalized. The total number of deaths is now 422.

“We are saddened to report more COVID-19 deaths of Rock Island County residents”, said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. “We send our condolences to their loved ones.”

In addition, the health department reports 354 new cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 23,420. Currently, 76 patients are hospitalized in the county with the virus. The average age of newly infected patients is 35.

The new cases are:

- 1 woman in her 90s
- 3 women in their 80s
- 7 women in their 70s
- 19 women in their 60s
- 16 women in their 50s
- 30 women in their 40s
- 49 women in their 30s
- 36 women in their 20s
- 5 women in their teens
- 10 girls in their teens
- 19 girls younger than 13
- 3 girl infants 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 2 men in their 80s
- 7 men in their 70s
- 18 men in their 60s
- 14 men in their 50s
- 25 men in their 40s
- 24 men in their 30s
- 25 men in their 20s
- 3 men in their teens
- 8 boys in their teens
- 25 boys younger than 13
- 4 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. The link to sign up for the pediatric clinic will be posted on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Jan. 5. 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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