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### **Rock Island County Health Department reports 2 deaths, record 601 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports two COVID-19 deaths: a man in his 90s and a man in his 80s, both of whom were hospitalized. The total number of deaths is now 425.

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

In addition, the health department reports 601 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 24,672.

“This is by far our largest two-day total,” Ludwig said. “The test positivity rate in Rock Island County is 27.23%, which is another all-time high. We’ve got to get this under control.

“More than 60% of people reported sick today are younger than 40. We urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible, but we especially plea to those younger adults and parents of children 5 and older,” Ludwig said. “All of us need your help to get yourselves and your eligible-age children vaccinated so we can end the pandemic.”

The health department offers twice-a-week walk-in vaccination clinics for those 12 and older: Tuesdays (Moderna and Johnson & Johnson for 18 and older) and Fridays (Pfizer for 12 and older). 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. Boosters are offered for those received their second Pfizer dose five months ago, their second Moderna dose six months ago, and two months ago for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Appointments for this Friday’s pediatric Pfizer clinic for children ages 5-11 is available through a link on our Facebook page. As of Wednesday afternoon, appointments were available. Healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccinations for both children and adults. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find your shot.

The health department is awaiting approval from the CDC for Pfizer boosters for children ages 12-15. The FDA gave the nod on Monday, but the CDC advisory panel and director must concur. If CDC approval is given by Friday, Pfizer boosters will be available to everyone 12 and older at the Friday walk-in clinic.

The new cases are

- 3 women in their 90s
- 4 women in their 80s
- 15 women in their 70s
- 27 women in their 60s
- 39 women in their 50s
- 53 women in their 40s
- 56 women in their 30s
- 68 women in their 20s
- 7 women in their teens

- 28 girls in their teens
- 32 girls younger than 13
- 9 girl infants 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 2 men in their 80s
- 10 men in their 70s
- 20 men in their 60s
- 25 men in their 50s
- 33 men in their 40s
- 53 men in their 30s
- 45 men in their 20s
- 5 men in their teens
- 17 boys in their teens
- 39 boys younger than 13
- 10 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 or boosted 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 is posted on our Facebook page. As of Wednesday afternoon, appointments were available. 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.
- Washing your hands frequently.

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