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Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, two-day record 674 new cases of COVID-19

The Rock Island County Health Department reports one COVID-19 death: a woman in her 50s who died at a hospital. The total number of deaths is now 426.

“We offer our sincere sympathy to her family and friends,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 674 new cases of COVID-19 since our last report on Wednesday. This two-day total is the highest since the start of the pandemic, beating Monday and Tuesday by 73 cases. The average age is 35. There are 85 people hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County.

“In the last two days, the number of cases jumped by 674, but we are more worried that 80-90 people each day this week have needed in-patient hospital resources,” Ludwig said. “The test positivity rate in Rock Island County is 28.07%, which is almost a point higher than just two days ago. Please make a plan to get vaccinated or boosted as soon as possible.”

This week, the CDC updated much of its COVID-19 booster guidance:

- Everyone 12 and older who received the Pfizer series should get boosted after five months;
- Moderately or severely immunocompromised 5–11 year-olds should receive an additional primary dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine 28 days after their second shot;
- Everyone 18 and older who received the two-dose Moderna series should get boosted after five months;
- Everyone 18 and older who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago should get boosted immediately. CDC recommends a Pfizer or Moderna booster, but Johnson & Johnson remains available.

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.

Appointments for Jan. 14’s pediatric Pfizer clinic for children ages 5-11 will be available through a link on the health department’s Facebook page on Jan. 12.

Healthcare and pharmacy partners also are offering vaccinations for both children and adults. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find your shot. You can search by brand and by distance.

The new cases are

- 7 women in their 80s
- 12 women in their 70s
- 27 women in their 60s

- 57 women in their 50s
- 74 women in their 40s
- 69 women in their 30s
- 59 women in their 20s
- 21 women in their teens
- 22 women in their teens
- 32 girls younger than 13
- 5 girl infants 1 or younger
- 1 man in his 90s
- 3 men in their 80s
- 5 men in their 70s
- 15 men in their 60s
- 37 men in their 50s
- 44 men in their 40s
- 45 men in their 30s
- 56 men in their 20s
- 12 men in their teens
- 22 boys in their teens
- 48 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 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. 14. The link to sign up for the pediatric clinic will be posted on our Facebook page at 10 a.m. Jan. 12.
- Staying home when you are sick and when you awaiting test results.
- 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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