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### **Rock Island County Health Department reports 1 death, 550 COVID cases**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports one COVID-19 death: a man in his 30s who died at home. The total number of deaths is now 428.

“We offer our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends,” said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department.

In addition, the health department reports 550 new cases of COVID-19 since the last report on Monday. The total number of cases is now 26,772. The average age is 32. There are 89 hospitalized with COVID-19 in Rock Island County.

“The high number of cases today suggest two stories,” Ludwig said. “First, we see a large number of newly infected people who are 60 and older. Our vaccination rate for those 65 and older is quite good – 82% are fully vaccinated and 95% have at least one dose. However, only 36% of people have received their booster dose. Boosters are available to everyone 12 and older at least five months after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or two months after their Johnson & Johnson dose.

“The other worrisome point is the high number of people who are younger than 50 and have tested positive. This age group tends to be not vaccinated at all. Our total vaccination rate for 5 and older is 60%. We urge everyone to get vaccinated as soon as possible,” Ludwig said.

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 Friday’s pediatric Pfizer clinic for children ages 5-11 are available through a link on the health department’s Facebook page. As of late Wednesday, slots were available.

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

- 2 women in their 90s
- 8 women in their 80s
- 7 women in their 70s
- 17 women in their 60s
- 35 women in their 50s
- 36 women in their 40s
- 50 women in their 30s
- 37 women in their 20s
- 10 women in their teens
- 36 girls in their teens
- 41 girls younger than 13

- 6 girl infants 1 or younger
- 3 men in their 80s
- 3 men in their 70s
- 21 men in their 60s
- 30 men in their 50s
- 29 men in their 40s
- 34 men in their 30s
- 42 men in their 20s
- 9 men in their teens
- 23 boys in their teens
- 67 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 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 is posted on our Facebook page.
- 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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