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**Rock Island County Health Department reports 3 deaths, 24 new cases of COVID-19**

The Rock Island County Health Department reports three additional deaths from COVID-19: one man in his 70s and one woman in her 70s, both of whom died in long-term care facilities; and one man in his 60s, who died at home. The total number of deaths in Rock Island County from this virus is now 82.

The Rock Island County Health Departments refers you to the Illinois Department of Public Health's website that tracks long-term care deaths and specific locations with outbreaks. That website is <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-outbreaks-covid-19>

"We continue to see rising case counts among younger people, while our county's deaths have mostly been people 60 and older," said Nita Ludwig, administrator of the Rock Island County Health Department. "We all must continue to take the precautions of wearing a mask, keeping at least 6 feet between you and others and washing your hands to protect all Quad Citians. We offer our sympathies to the loved ones of these three Rock Island County residents."

In addition, the health department reports 24 new COVID-19 cases, bringing the total number to 2,945. Currently, 18 patients are hospitalized in Rock Island County.

The new cases are:

- 1 man in his 70s
- 4 men in their 60s
- 2 men in their 50s
- 1 man in his 40s
- 2 men in their 30s
- 1 man in his 20s
- 2 women in their 70s
- 3 women in their 60s
- 1 woman in her 50s
- 1 woman in her 30s
- 4 women in their 20s
- 1 girl in her teens
- 1 girl younger than 13

No additional information regarding these cases is available due to federal privacy laws.

We all must continue to do our part to prevent further spread of COVID-19 by:

- Washing your hands frequently
- Watching your distance: Keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else
- Wearing a face covering when you must go out

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