



Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Current COVID-19 case count

Scott County – Total of 380

15 new cases since Tuesday

Total deaths in Scott County: 10

Rock Island County – 3 new cases for a total of 725

Currently in hospital: 4

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 28

1 new death of a woman in her 80s

Today's call

A video recording of today's media call can be found at

<https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/covid19/news>

COVID-19 still here

Remarks from Ed Rivers, director of the Scott County Health Department

These case totals reflect an increase in 15 cases since we last spoke on Tuesday. This does not necessarily indicate that we are seeing a spike in the number of cases because:

- The majority of the cases reported today are from the Testlowa program. The change in testing framework for that program, which allows anyone who wants to be tested to participate, has resulted in an increase in the number of persons tested, and a commensurate increase in positive results.
- The change in criteria has also resulted in detection of asymptomatic cases. Of today's cases for which interviews have been conducted, all report having no symptoms.
- There has been an increase in lag time from test to report as a result of the Testlowa program, and increased availability of testing from private labs, both PCR and serology. The increase today could be a result of labs catching up with the load.

COVID-19 continues to be in our community; it doesn't go away because our county began to reopen and it won't go away because its summer and we are hoping for a break from having to worry.

Precautions during rally

Remarks from Ed Rivers, director of the Scott County Health Department

Our community has experienced additional challenges over the last week. As public health professionals, we recognize the need for residents of our community to use their voices

to stand against the longstanding injustices based on race. We know that health is just one of many areas where members of the African-American community are at higher risk for disparate treatment and, therefore, worse health. The reasons behind this are related to the inequities in the environments in which individuals in our community live, learn, work, play, worship and age. We can't ignore these inequalities and we must make addressing these inequalities part of our path forward.

We are aware that a large rally is scheduled to take place today (Thursday) in Davenport. As with any large gathering that takes place in our community, we are concerned that large crowds could lead to more transmission of the coronavirus, but grateful for the forethought of the organizers to encourage social distancing, the use of masks, and providing hand sanitizer to help minimize risk of spreading the virus. We hope that those participating in the upcoming protest will take consideration of their health and the health of others as they make their voices heard.

Diaper pickup event next week

Remarks from Janet Hill, chief operating officer of the Rock Island County Health Department

We're happy to tell you about another diaper pickup event to be held Tuesday. This special drive-through event is from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 9 at the Rock Island County Health Department, 2112 25th Ave., Rock Island. Families can receive 50 diapers per child from Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank and Hiney Heroes. Our partners are hoping to bring 20,000 diapers to give away. They also plan to have at least 100 menstrual packs.

This event is for Rock Island County residents, but a similar event will be announced soon for Scott County families.

Diapers strain the finances of many families, even in non-COVID-19 times. According to Hiney Heroes, 1 in 3 families reports have a diaper need. Disposable diapers cost up to \$80 a month per child, and no state or federal safety-net program allows benefits to be used for diapers.

Hiney Heroes offers help to local families through the generosity of others. If you wish to donate to this 501-3(c) organization, visit their website at hineyheroes.com. All donations are tax exempt.

More information

- www.TogetherQC.com
- coronavirus.iowa.gov
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>

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