



**Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**Current COVID-19 case count**

**Scott County** – Total of 1,322

Total deaths in Scott County: 11

**Rock Island County** – 14 new cases since Monday; total of 1,373

Currently in hospital: 14

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 30

Total Tyson cases: 163; Tyson deaths: 2

**Today's call**

Dr. Louis Katz, infectious disease expert and medical director of the Scott County Health Department, did not speak from prepared remarks. A video recording of today's media briefing can be found at <https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/covid19/news>

**Case resurgence concerning**

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

Yesterday, an additional death of a Scott County resident due to COVID-19 was reported by the Iowa Department of Public Health, bringing the total number of deaths for Scott County to 11.

We are deeply saddened by an additional COVID-19 related death in our county. Our deepest sympathies are with the individual's family. The resurgence of COVID-19 cases that we have seen over the last month continues to concern us. Unstable, uncontrolled spread of the virus in our community puts us all at risk. Going about our daily lives how we always use to puts us all at risk.

We urge all residents to act now to help reduce the spread of illness by avoiding large groups, keeping distance between yourself and others, wearing a face covering, and observing public health recommendations if you become ill or are told you are a contact to a case of COVID-19.

I would like to welcome back Dr. Louis Katz, the medical director for the Scott County Health Department. We have asked Dr. Katz to share his perspective with you — what we can expect in the upcoming weeks and the fall if things do not change and what we can expect if public health recommendations such as social distancing and face coverings are embraced by our community.

## **Testing site in Rock Island has closed**

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

The temporary state-run COVID-19 testing site at the QCCA Expo Center in Rock Island has closed. Its last day was Sunday.

About 5,000 tests were administered June 29-July 19 at the Rock Island site. The Illinois Department of Public Health could decide to bring back a testing facility to Rock Island County at a future date.

Meanwhile, Rock Island County residents wanting a COVID-19 test should contact their medical provider. Community Health Care, UnityPoint-Trinity and Genesis all are doing testing. The closest drive-through testing site is at Hammond-Henry Hospital in Geneseo. The closest state-run drive-through testing sites are in Peoria and Rockford. For more information, visit [www.dph.illinois.gov/testing](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/testing) or the Rock Island County Health Department's Facebook page.

For those who received tests at the site, results typically take about four days to be reported, and patients will receive results, positive or negative, by a phone call. Personnel from the state lab will call tested patients twice from this phone number: 888-297-7208. No message will be left because of privacy reasons.

Patients can call back that toll-free number and talk to a person. They will need to provide their name and date of birth to receive test results.

Testing especially is encouraged for residents showing symptoms consistent of COVID-19. These symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

## **Test Iowa site in Davenport**

The Scott County TestIowa site located at NorthPark Mall in Davenport is still open for testing. In order for Iowa residents to be tested at this site, they need to log onto [www.TestIowa.gov](http://www.TestIowa.gov), complete an assessment, and schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are not accepted through this site.

## **More information**

- [www.TogetherQC.com](http://www.TogetherQC.com)
- [coronavirus.iowa.gov](http://coronavirus.iowa.gov)
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>
- <https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/facilities/Pages/Covid19Response.aspx>

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