



**Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition
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Current COVID-19 case count

Scott County – Total of 2,020

Total deaths in Scott County: 19

Rock Island County – 30 new cases since Monday; total of 2,091

Currently in hospital: 13

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 56

Today's call

A video recording of today's media briefing can be found at
<https://www.scottcountyiowa.com/health/covid19/news>

COVID-19 patient shares his story

This interview was completed by Janet Hill on Monday. Some of the answers may not be exactly what he said during today's briefing, but it is supplied for media to be able to check facts.

Name: Jason Roessler

Age: 41

City: Rock Island

Occupation: Welder

Onset of illness: July 11 (different from what we said earlier)

Time off work: He was off for two weeks and was able to get unemployment.

Why he got tested: His wife was positive, so he got tested. He was positive and was surprised because he didn't feel ill at that point. He later lost his sense of smell and had a cough. He didn't have much of a fever.

How he feels now: He feels good. He still has a little cough, but it hasn't affected his sleep. He said a coughing is a side effect of being a welder, and he isn't sure whether his coughing was worse because of COVID-19.

His wife: She was sicker and had a consistent fever. "She was worn out all of the time," he said. She had a persistent cough and lost both her sense and smell and taste.

Others in his family who became sick: His father was sick, and his uncle remains hospitalized.

Lessons learned:

- “I’m a Type 2 diabetic. I was really scared when this whole thing came down. I was really nervous about it and taking precautions. I kept my space.”
- He wears a mask consistently. “I still respect it, but I’m living my life,” he said.

Testing sites

Individuals experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, new loss of smell or taste, nausea or diarrhea) should consider options for COVID-19 testing:

- Contact their health care provider
- Find a community-based testing option:
 - Scott County: visit www.TestIowa.com to sign-up for testing through the Scott County TestIowa site (now extended additional weeks)
 - Rock Island County: Drive-up site August 19-30 at the TaxSlayer Center, 1201 River Drive, Moline (Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Access testing through local health clinics, including: Genesis Health System Convenient Cares, UnityPoint Health – Trinity Express Cares, and Community Health Care Inc.

More information

- www.TogetherQC.com
- coronavirus.iowa.gov
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/regionmetrics?regionID=2>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/countymetrics?county=Rock%20Island>
- <https://www2.illinois.gov/idoc/facilities/Pages/Covid19Response.aspx>
- <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/long-term-care-facility-outbreaks-covid-19>

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