



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

Scott County – Total of 2,912

Total deaths in Scott County: 28

Rock Island County – 26 new cases since Wednesday; total of 2,971

Currently in hospital: 18

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 82

Today's call

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

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

Parents called on to keep sick kids home from school

Remarks from Edward Rivers, director, Scott County Health Department

A topic at the forefront of our minds is the return of in-person instruction for the schools in our county. We have shared on numerous occasions that schools are affected by the level of spread of COVID-19 in their communities and have had cases of COVID-19 in students and staff. This was expected and we have been working diligently with our school districts to support them in their plans for reducing risks as much as possible in their school buildings.

Parents also play a large role in not only protecting their children during the pandemic but also helping protect their child's school by ensuring that their child does not take the virus with them when they enter the school. This can be a challenge, as the experience that children have when exposed to and infected with the virus appears to be different than what adults are experiencing. Add to that, there are a variety of childhood illnesses with symptoms that can be similar to symptoms of COVID-19.

We have asked pediatricians from our community to join us on the call today to help inform parents on how best to protect their child from COVID-19, how to identify COVID-19 symptoms, and how to handle testing and quarantine or isolation should their child become ill or be a contact to someone who is positive.

Physicians address concerns of COVID-19 in children

Speaking first: Dr. Anita Ahuja, UnityPoint-Trinity Clinic — Family Care Partners, Bettendorf

Speaking second: Dr. Deena Kukreja, Genesis Health Group, Bettendorf Pediatrics

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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