



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

Scott County – Total of 11,744

Total deaths in Scott County: 90

15 deaths since last briefing on Dec. 1

Rock Island County – 126 new cases since Wednesday; total of 8,764

Currently in hospital in Rock Island County: 77

Total deaths in Rock Island County: 164

7 newly reported deaths: a man in his 70s and a woman in her 50s, both of whom had been hospitalized; two women in their 90s, one man in his 90s and one man in his 60s, all of whom had been living in long-term-care facilities; one man in his 80s who died at home.

Today's call

Dr. Louis Katz, 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>

Answers to frequently asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine can be found at:

<https://togetherqc.com/vaccination/>

Patience needed as vaccination push nears

Remarks from Edward Rivers, director, Scott County Health Department

As has been covered in the media, and addressed by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds earlier today, COVID-19 vaccine will slowly become available in our community this month.

Vaccine production is just beginning and the first shipments of vaccine will be reserved for healthcare workers and others at high risk of being exposed.

As more vaccine is available, other priority groups will be included. Production will increase in 2021, and there will eventually be enough for everyone.

Public health and our healthcare partners have been diligently crafting a plan for distribution and administration of the vaccine when it is received in our community.

We ask for your patience as the process begins. We recognize the vital role you all play in our community, as workers, teachers, leaders, providers, and families. In time, there will be enough vaccine available for all.

We have asked Dr. Louis Katz, our medical director, to provide an overview of the COVID-19 vaccine and answer questions we know are important to residents when considering the COVID-19 vaccine.

More information

- <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-mitigation-plan>
- [https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Summary%20of%20Enhanced%20Public%20Health%20Measures final.pdf](https://governor.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Summary%20of%20Enhanced%20Public%20Health%20Measures%20final.pdf)
- <https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/health/post/do-masks-prevent-covid-19>
- <https://togetherqc.com/2020/10/mask-mandate-local-initiative/>
- 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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