

PUBLIC HEALTH HAPPENINGS

Flu & COVID Vaccines

Every Tuesday through 10/22/24- we will have walk-in Flu vaccine clinics from 8:30am-12pm & 1-4pm. No appointments are necessary for 12 years and up. Children ages 6 months-11 years old do require appointments. Appointments can be made for all other days by calling 309-794-7080.

RICHD currently has SPIKEVAX® for ages 12 and up 2024/2025 formulation & Moderna 6 months-11 years old 2024/2025 formulation. Supplies are limited at this time— call to schedule an appointment for your COVID vaccination at 309-794-7080.

There are programs in place for community members who are uninsured & underinsured.

During the months of June, July & August—72 COVID vaccinations were administered by the Rock Island County Health Department.



FDA Major Product Recalls

At the end of July, Boar’s Head Provisions Co., Inc. based out of Virginia, recalled over 7 million pounds of ready-to-eat deli meat & poultry products. The plant was shut down indefinitely mid-September after being linked to a deadly *Listeria monocytogenes* outbreak. As of 9/27/24, there have been 59 human cases with hospitalization & 10 deaths reported across 19 states. Symptoms can include fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions that are sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms.

In early September, Milo’s Poultry Farms, LLC., announced a voluntary recall on all carton sizes & types of eggs labeled with “Milo’s Poultry Farms” and “Tony’s Fresh Market”. All cases of eggs for retail foodservice distribution with the brand names above were also recalled. The recall is due to possible contamination of Salmonella. These eggs were distributed in Wisconsin, Illinois & Michigan through retail stores & foodservice distributors. Production & distribution has been ceased at this time and will undergo appropriate testing & sanitization of the farms and processing equipment before resuming business.

Rock Island County Statistics June 2024-August 2024 (information current as of 6/24)

Chlamydia	188	Hepatitis A	0	Lyme disease	2
Gonorrhea	48	Hepatitis B	1	West Nile	0
Syphilis	18	Hepatitis C	3	Zika (confirmed)	0
Histoplasmosis	3	Legionellosis	1	Salmonellosis	16
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	0	Campylobacteria	10	Shigellosis	1
Influenza w/ ICU hospitalization	0	Rabies, Potential Human/Animal Exposure	32	Measles Cases in Illinois	0



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October Awareness

- ◆ **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**
- ◆ **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- ◆ **National ADHD Awareness Month**
- ◆ **National Down Syndrome Awareness Month**

November Awareness

- ◆ **American Diabetes Month**
- ◆ **Stomach Cancer Month**
- ◆ **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**
- ◆ **COPD Awareness**



2024 West Nile Virus Activity

(as of September 20th, 2024)

We have mosquito traps set out @ ~3-4 sites in Rock Island County that are monitored by an intern for the summer months. Here are a few statistics for IL and Rock Island County.

- 67/102 Illinois counties have tested Positive in humans, birds, mosquitoes and/or horses
- There have been 3 human deaths
- 41 Positive human cases in IL
- 45 Positive bird cases in IL
- 2 birds have tested Positive in Rock Island County
- 6 batches have tested Positive in Rock Island County

A deadly & rare mosquito-borne virus has reemerged in the northeastern states. Eastern equine encephalitis, known as EEE, has killed 2 people and sickened at least 11 others. Mosquitoes will survive until we have a hard frost. Remember to wear long sleeves & pants, use repellent and limit your time outdoors in the evening hours.

School Health LINK

The mission of Rock Island County's School Health LINK is to provide medical care to all school age children so that they go to school ready to learn physically, emotionally and mentally. The LINK provides care from birth to 21 years of age—8am-4:30pm. For more information, go to the following website or call the number listed below.

<https://richd.org/school-health-link.php>

3602 Avenue of the Cities
Moline, IL 61265
Phone: (309) 743-1470
Fax: (309) 743-1472

IDPH Suicide Prevention Grant Boosts Mental Health Offerings for Students

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is partnering with the DuPage High School District 88 to help provide “postvention” services after a student has attempted or committed suicide. This service can also be used for a student to find an appropriate clinical provider depending on their situation. An online portal has been created to help provide students and their families a fast & confidential way to seek counseling and assistance with a “care navigator”. This grant will allow for high school students in IL to access up to 8 in-person or telehealth counseling sessions. Please share this information with clients, community members or high school counselors. To access the portal, go to the following website:

<https://referralgps.com/postvention>
Or
Text “HOME” TO 741741

988 Lifeline should be called when immediate help is needed

Are You Interested in Volunteering for the Rock Island County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)?

We are always recruiting community members to assist with Public Health emergency response activities. Please contact—

Kate Meyer, MRC Coordinator
(309) 558-2945

