

Urgent News Release #205

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RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS THREE ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS

Richland Center, WI: Richland County Health Officer Rose Kohout confirms that there were three additional COVID-related deaths reported today. These additional deaths increase the Richland County resident COVID-related deaths total to twenty-four. Richland County offers their heartfelt sympathies to the families, and out of respect for the individuals' confidentiality and the privacy of their families, no additional information will be provided.

Kohout announced that as of today, "Richland County is only 1 of 4 counties in the entire state of Wisconsin that is still categorized as 'Critically High' for COVID-19 transmission as reported daily by DHS. Additionally, Richland County confirmed 393 cases of COVID-19 as of October 27th; making October 2021 the highest positive case month for Richland County since the start of the pandemic." Kohout states "we continue to encourage all those eligible to get the vaccine or booster dose, as it remains the most effective tool we have to prevent COVID-19, and continue practicing good public health behavior. This means wearing a mask indoors, avoiding large gatherings, staying home when feeling sick, and getting testing if you have symptoms or after close contact."

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, follow Richland County Health & Human Services on Facebook or consult the following websites:

- ❖ Richland County:
<https://covid.co.richland.wi.us>
- ❖ Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ❖ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

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