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## Covid-19, Barbara Anthony, Overdoses/Suicides

Today is Monday, September 14th and this is a 1:30 update.

First, I want to mention that Roane County lost another public servant last week as retired County Clerk, Barbara Anthony, passed away. Barbara was added to the list of our recently lost public servants as former Sheriff, David Haggard, and Joe Eskridge passed away in the last two (2) weeks. So, let's remember these families.

Second, it has been several days since my last update, so I will give you a high level view of the Covid situation in Roane County.

Roane County is still ranking third compared with our adjacent counties in the lowest cases per 100,000 equivalent populations. Morgan County is the lowest with 281 positive cases which is the equivalent of 1,313. Anderson is second with 1015 positive cases which is the equivalent of 1,319. Roane County is third with 747 cases which is the equivalent of 1,399. The next, nearest county equivalent is Knox with 1,717. Rhea County remains the highest with the equivalent of 2,180. You have Cumberland, Loudon, Meigs, and McMinn in our numbers as well.

So, we look at our comparisons between each of the counties, but we also look at our hospitalizations to see how we are doing.

Seven (7) individuals have been hospitalized in September.

I regret to have to report that last week, Roane County went from two (2) deaths to four (4).

Approximately 30% of Roane County's population has been tested of which 1.39% of the county population has tested positive.

Currently, we have 95 active cases, so that's a number we will continue to track.

Here's some of Roane County's Death Statistics since January 1st.

We have had four (4) Covid deaths.

We have 22 confirmed overdoses. Four (4) cases are pending thus a total of 26 deaths is expected.

We have had nine (9) suicides.

Stay safe, wear your facial covering/mask, social distance, practice good health hygiene, and check on your neighbors and friends.

I'll try an update again at the end of the week.

Thanks again for tuning in.

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