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Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Death

Billings, MT – On Saturday, September 5, a woman in her 50s passed away at a hospital in Yellowstone County due to COVID-19 related illness, reports RiverStone Health, the county's public health department.

This death is reflected on the Sunday, September 6 state COVID-19 tracking map.

To protect the privacy of the deceased and her family, RiverStone Health will not release further information.

"As yet another Yellowstone County family mourns the death of a life taken too soon from COVID-19, I offer my heartfelt sympathy to the deceased woman's family and friends," said John Felton, Yellowstone County health officer and RiverStone Health president and CEO.

"Yesterday, a record 71 people with COVID-19 were hospitalized in Yellowstone County, 28 of them County residents. In addition, our local hospitals were caring for 47% of all people hospitalized with COVID-19 in the state," said Felton. "For the last week and a half, hospitalizations have been trending upward and all of us need to do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 to alleviate some of the stress on our healthcare institutions and public health system."

Since Monday, August 31, five Yellowstone County residents have passed away from COVID-19 illness. To date, 2,284 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 48 have died.

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