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Yellowstone County Announces First COVID-19 Death

Billings, MT – With great regret, RiverStone Health, the public health agency in Yellowstone County, has reported the first death of an individual in Yellowstone County from complications due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. This death is the tenth from COVID-19 in Montana.

The death occurred on Friday, April 17. The man, in his 50s, died in a Yellowstone County hospital. To protect the privacy of the individual and family members, RiverStone Health will not release further information about the death.

“This is a tragic loss of life from a truly horrible disease to which none of us have any immunity,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and President/CEO of RiverStone Health. “On behalf of all of us in the community, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family.”

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