



Media Information:

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Two Additional COVID-19 Related Deaths in Yellowstone County

Billings, MT – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, reports two additional COVID-19 related deaths.

On Tuesday, August 18, a man in his 60s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Tuesday, August 18, a woman in her 60s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

To protect the privacy of the deceased and their families, RiverStone Health will not release further information about the deaths.

These most recent deaths are reflected on the August 20 state COVID-19 tracking map.

“There are no words that can take away the sorrow of losing a loved one and we wish the deceased’s family and friends strength and peace as they grieve,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and RiverStone Health President and CEO.

Felton continued, “In the month of August, about one person every three days – eight total – has lost their life to COVID-19. In the month of July, we averaged about 27 new COVID-19 infections a day. There are 11 days left in the month of August and we are currently averaging 30 new positive cases a day. August is shaping up to be even more challenging than last month. With school starting next week, we must do better to bring infections down. That means wearing a mask, watching your distance and washing your hands. Staying home when ill and frequently sanitizing high-touch surfaces are also important prevention measures that we can all take.”

To date, 1,637 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 34 have died.

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