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Yellowstone County Announces COVID-19 Deaths

Billings, MT – With deep sorrow, RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County's public health department, reports three more COVID-19 related deaths. The deaths stem from the COVID-19 outbreak at Canyon Creek Memory Care.

On Monday, July 6, a woman in her 70s passed away.

On Wednesday, July 8, a woman in her 80s also died.

On Thursday, July 9, a man in his 90s passed away.

All three individuals passed away at Canyon Creek Memory Care. To protect the privacy of the individuals and family members, RiverStone Health will not release further information about the deaths.

The deaths of the two women who passed away are reflected on the state COVID-19 map. The death of the man who died will be reflected on the map tomorrow.

"Tragically, three more COVID-19 infected Yellowstone County residents have passed away. Families are experiencing the profound grief of losing a loved one and we mourn with them," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and RiverStone Health President/CEO. "With the passing of these residents, we are reminded that our most vulnerable community members – elderly, immunocompromised, and those with chronic conditions – are especially at risk and we must continue to take measures to protect them from this disease."

He went on to say, "We are facing many challenges in this pandemic and I want to thank individuals and the businesses that are working so hard to adhere to the 3 Ws – washing hands, watching distance and wearing a mask. Our ability to follow these basic infection control measures can reduce serious illness, and death of the people we love, and the death of those loved by others. What we do now determines where we are in 3-4 weeks. We all need to recommit to taking care of each other."

To date, 377 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and seven have died.

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