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Yellowstone County Announces Fourth COVID-19 Death

Billings, MT – With deep sorrow, RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, has reported the fourth death of a Yellowstone County resident from complications due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. This is the 21st Montanan to die from COVID-19.

The death occurred on Saturday, June 20. The man, in his 60s, 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.

“We extend our wish for peace and comfort to family and friends of this man as they grieve the loss of their loved one,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer and President and CEO of RiverStone Health. “This death serves as a tragic reminder about the seriousness of COVID-19. In the last 5 days, 16 Yellowstone County residents have tested positive for the disease. As case counts continue to rise in Yellowstone County and across the state, each of us must continue to be vigilant in taking measures to prevent COVID-19.”

RiverStone Health emphasizes the importance of practicing disease prevention measures and following recommendations for the health and safety of all Montanans. This includes:

- Washing your hands frequently,
- Maintaining physical distance of at least 6 feet,
- Wearing a mask when physical distancing isn’t possible, and
- Staying home when you’re sick.

To date, 125 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19.

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