Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Death

**Billings, MT** – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health department, reports another Yellowstone County resident has died due to COVID-19 related illness.

On Monday, October 5, a man in his 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

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

This most recent death is reflected on the Thursday, October 8 state COVID-19 tracking map.

“My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the deceased as they grieve,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“Just eight days into the month of October and two families have experienced the tragedy of losing a loved one to COVID-19. We must do all that we can to prevent more families from having to bury their loved ones because of this disease. We know what to do, we just need to care enough about others to vigilantly practice the easy prevention measures of wearing masks, watching our distance, washing our hands, avoiding crowds and staying home when we are ill,” said Felton.

To date, 3,895 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 70 have died.

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