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## Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

**Billings, MT** – RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County's public health department, reports three more Yellowstone County residents have died due to COVID-19 related illness.

On Saturday, October 3, a man in his 60s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Monday, October 12, a woman in her 50s also passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Tuesday, October 13, a woman in her 90s, who lived in a senior care facility, also passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

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

These deaths are reflected on the Wednesday, October 14 state COVID-19 tracking map.

"I extend my heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the deceased," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"So far during the month of October, nine families have lost loved ones to this tragic disease. Each person who has passed away this month has done so in the hospital. I hope that no one passed without a family member by their side, holding their hand. Dying without family nearby is a death no one wants and I pray that each of us will do what we can to prevent more illness and death due to COVID-19," said Felton.

To date, 4,559 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 77 have died.

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