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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 Friday, October 16, a man in his 70s 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 Monday, October 19 state COVID-19 tracking map.

Due to data reconciliation, the death of a woman in her 50s that was reported last week has been reassigned to another county.

“I wish the family and friends of the deceased peace, comfort and hope in the midst of their sorrow,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“For those who continue to say that COVID-19 is ‘just the flu’, there have been more Yellowstone County residents who have died due to COVID-19 than Yellowstone County residents who died from influenza during the 2018-2019 influenza season and 2019-2020 combined. During those two influenza seasons, a total of six of our friends and neighbors died and 3,093 were infected,” said Felton. .

To date, 5,179 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 77 have died.

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