



## Media Information:

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### **Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths**

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

On Sunday, October 18, a man in his 70s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Sunday, October 18, a woman in her 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Monday, October 19, a woman in her 50s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Monday, October 19, a man who resided in a Yellowstone County senior living residence, 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 most recent deaths are reflected on the Tuesday, October 20 state COVID-19 tracking map.

“Four more families in the past two days are experiencing the pain and heartache of losing a treasured loved one to COVID-19. I offer my deepest condolences to each of these families as they grieve,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“In the month of October, 13 Yellowstone County residents have lost their lives to COVID-19. Every 36 hours this month, COVID-19 has taken away a mother, father, sister, brother or grandparent. More of us must resolve to help prevent more families from losing loved ones to this tragic disease,” said Felton. .

To date, 5,246 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 81 have died.

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