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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 Tuesday, October 20, a man in his 80s, who resided in a Yellowstone County senior living residence, 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 Wednesday, October 21 state COVID-19 tracking map.

"As yet another family grieves the loss of life taken too soon, I offer my heartfelt sympathy and hope that memories of happier days bring comfort. Words alone cannot express the depth of the tragedy that the pandemic has had on the families of the deceased and our community as a whole," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"As illness and death from COVID-19 continue to mount in the community, I ask everyone to practice the simple measures of wearing a mask, washing hands and staying at least six feet away from others to help slow the spread of this disease. Because influenza and COVID-19 have many of the same symptoms and it is possible to have COVID-19 and the flu at the same time, I urge everyone to get a flu shot. While the flu shot will not protect you from COVID-19, getting a flu vaccine will reduce the risk of getting the flu," said Felton. .

To date, 5,384 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 82 have died.

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