



## Media Information:

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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 Wednesday, October 21, 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 Friday, October 23 state COVID-19 tracking map.

“My heart goes out to the family and friends of the deceased in their time of sorrow. I hope that in time their grief will be eased by the comfort and peace of treasured memories,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“The COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on the community. Since October 13, COVID-19 hospitalizations have exceeded more than 100 people per day in Yellowstone County and since the beginning of the month, 15 people have died due to the virus. Our community is clearly experiencing some of its darkest days since the pandemic began and we need everyone to work together to slow the spread of the virus. I again ask you, please do your part to slow the virus,” said Felton.

To date, 5,740 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 83 have died.

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