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## Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

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

On Tuesday, October 27, a man in his 50s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Tuesday, October 27, a man in his 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

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

The death of the man in his 50s is reflected on the Wednesday, October 28 state COVID-19 tracking map. The death of the man in his 80s will be reflected on the Thursday, October 29 state COVID-19 tracking map.

"I cannot imagine the sorrow of losing a loved one to this tragic disease. I hope that the families of the deceased can find comfort and strength in each other as they mourn their loss," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"In the last week, seven Yellowstone County families have experienced the heartbreak of saying goodbye to loved ones taken by COVID-19. In total, our community has lost 52 men and 36 women to this disease. These were mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and grandparents. These deaths didn't have to happen and as a community, we must, and we can, prevent more families from burying loved ones," said Felton.

To date, 6,356 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 88 have died.

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