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Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

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

On Monday, November 16, a man in his 30s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also on Monday, November 16, a man in his 70s who resided in a Yellowstone County senior living facility, 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 Wednesday, November 18 state COVID-19 tracking map.

Because there continue to be discrepancies with the total number of deaths reported for Yellowstone County on the state COVID-19 tracking map, RiverStone Health is working with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to reconcile the difference.

“There is nothing that I can say that will ease the pain of losing a loved one. But I hope that in time, the families and friends of the deceased will be able to look beyond the sorrow and draw on their memories to bring them comfort,” said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

“So far this month, eleven families have lost loved ones to COVID-19. For 107 families, there will be an empty chair at the Thanksgiving table this year. The heartache is real and we must help prevent more empty chairs at holiday tables by consistently heeding the simple COVID-19 prevention measures of mask wearing, physical distancing, avoiding crowds, washing hands, and staying home when ill,” said Felton.

To date, 9,501 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 107 have died.

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