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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 Thursday, November 19, a woman in her 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Friday, November 20, a man in his 60s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

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

RiverStone Health is working with the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services to reconcile our numbers. On Monday, the state COVID-19 tracking map showed 113 total deaths in Yellowstone County. RiverStone Health data totals 114 deaths in our county.

 "Words of comfort fall short as we report two more community members lost to this pandemic," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health. "I offer my deepest sympathy to their families and friends."

"As we start Thanksgiving week, it's more important than ever to take precautions to reduce the spread of this virus, so that fewer people will get sick and fewer lives will be taken by COVID-19," Felton said. "Please help slow the infection rate by staying home as much as possible, keeping your distance from people who don't live with you, wearing a mask to protect yourself and others, and washing your hands often."

To date, 10,204 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19.

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