

## Media Information:

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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.

A man in his 70s died on Sunday, November 22, in a Billings hospital.

A woman in her 80s died on Monday, November 23, in a Billings hospital.

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

These deaths are reflected on the Tuesday, November 24, state COVID-19 tracking map.

"I am deeply saddened by the deaths of these Yellowstone County residents," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health. "I hope that their loved ones will be comforted by caring neighbors in this tragic time."

"Thanksgiving week brings potential for worsening spread of this virus, if we gather in large groups or with people who don't live with us," Felton said. "I ask everyone in Yellowstone County to take responsibility for slowing transmission of COVID-19. Please stay home as much as possible, wear a mask when in public, wash your hands often and keep six feet away from people who aren't living in your home."

To date, 10,298 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 116 have died.

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