

## Media Information:

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## Yellowstone County Reports COVID-19 Related Deaths

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

Two men in their 50s passed away at Billings hospitals on Monday, November 23.

A man is his 90s passed away at a Billings hospital on Tuesday, November 24.

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

These deaths are reflected on the Wednesday, November 25, state COVID-19 tracking map.

"Thanksgiving will be a sorrowful day for many Yellowstone County families who have lost loved ones too soon due to COVID-19 disease" said John Felton, Yellowstone County health officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health. "Our hearts go out to the family and friends of these three men and the other 116 Yellowstone County families who will gather around their Thanksgiving table with an empty chair."

RiverStone Health urges all county residents to take precautions to reduce the risk of spreading or contracting this virus at holiday gatherings. Avoid exposing vulnerable people by limiting in-person celebrations to people who live with you. Visit with other relatives and friends via phone and video chat. Follow proven prevention steps every day: Keep your distance, wash hands, mask up and stay home if you are sick.

To date, 10,412 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 119 have died.

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