

## **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 additional Yellowstone County residents have died due to COVID-19 related illness.

On Thursday, October 29, a man in his 80s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

On Friday, October 30, a woman in her 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.

These deaths are reflected on the Saturday, October 31 state COVID-19 tracking map.

"I offer my sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the deceased. I hope they are able to find comfort and peace in each other and the memories they share of happier days," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"Illness and death from COVID-19 continues to take a toll on our community and if more of us do not take precautions to prevent the virus from spreading, we will continue to experience unbearable losses that could have been prevented. I ask that we individually do our part so that collectively we can help ensure that our healthcare workers will be there to care for us, that our children can continuing learning in schools, and that our businesses can stay open," said Felton.

To date, 6,854 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 94 have died.

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