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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 Saturday, October 31, a woman in her 70s passed away in a Yellowstone County hospital.

Also, on Saturday, October 31, a man in his 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 Monday, November 2 state COVID-19 tracking map.

"My heart goes out to the families and loved ones of the deceased. I wish them all peace and comfort in the midst of their sorrow," said John Felton, Yellowstone County Health Officer, President and CEO of RiverStone Health.

"In the month of October, 3,572 Yellowstone County residents became infected with COVID-19. Infections in October are slightly more than the total number of infections June through September. At some point, nearly 3,600 should have been isolated and if each of those individuals had just 4 close contacts, nearly 14,400 people should have been quarantined last month. In total, about 18,000 Yellowstone County residents were either isolated or quarantined for some part of the month. That is nearly the population of Belgrade and Havre combined," said Felton.

To date, 7,182 Yellowstone County residents have been infected with COVID-19 and 96 have died.

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